

FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES

MINUTES

**Sunday, August 20, 2023
Elgin Suite, Delta Armouries
London, Ontario**

Present

**D. Whalen, President
L. Watson, 2nd Vice President
J. Curley, Director
D. Plourde, Director
A. MacNevin, Director
P. Lefebvre, Director**

Zoom

**L. Carleton, Director
T. Kelly, Director**

Regrets

**L. Watson, 2nd Vice President
S. Hollingsworth, Director
R. Carriere, Director
M. Horsfield, Director**

Staff

M. Bain, Executive Director

FONOM Board Meeting

Sunday, August 20, 2023

President D. Whalen welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm

1.0 Welcome and President's Report

President Whalen opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to London and those on Zoom. Danny's verbal report noted several meetings since the Conference.

- On June 19th Danny, John, and Maggie attended a Bail Reform Taskforce meeting hosted by Chief Tod in North Bay. Danny believes these meetings are going exceptionally well. Noting that at the AMO Board meeting, he shared much of the committee's work. Several Caucus' shared the same observations as we are seeing, but because of the work of the Taskforce. His comments were recognized as evidence-based and rule of law, as opposed to anecdotal.
- On June 28th, there was a Boreal Forest and Caribou moderating session. He attends the sessions but noted the studied area of NE Ontario is very remote and contains no Municipalities. He noted he attends mainly to listen and be informed.
- On August 4, Danny and Mac attended a meeting with Dr. Surma regarding the financial pressures at the Northern School of Medical. She worked us through the issues and discussed ways FONOM and our membership can help.
- Danny spoke to the Municipal and Media interest in the FONOM Housing Resolution, noting that it is lengthy but speaks to the issue and solutions that will be best for Ontario.
- Danny shared the volume of calls from different Ministers and their staff. Also, note that the Media is interested in the board's activities.
- He spoke to the Billboard we previously sponsored with Forest Ontario. They have asked us to expand the project. After discussing with the Board, we agreed not to renew the sponsorship.

It was **MOVED** by **J. Curley**, **SECONDED** by **D. Plourde**, that the President's Report be received.

MOTION CARRIED.

2.0 ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** by **A. MacNevin**, **SECONDED** by **T. Kelly** that the agenda be approved with additions.

MOTION CARRIED.

3.0 Election of Officers

The Executive Director oversaw the Election of the Officers of the FONOM Board. He asked separately for each position three times for nominations for an Office. There was only one nomination for each Office; therefore, no election was held for any position. The FONOM Officers/Executive for 2023-2025 are as follows.

President	Danny Whalen
1st Vice President	Dave Plourde
2nd Vice President	Lynn Watson

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE March 10th, 2023, BOARD MEETING

It was **MOVED** by **D. Plourde** **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton** that the Minutes be accepted with amendments.

MOTION CARRIED.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 M. Bain provided a brief update to the Board on the Conference wrap-up. He is working with the Parry Sound Finance and Tourism Department. The Financials are being completed. He also shared that more of the Conference financials flowed through our books this year (Attached Page 9). He explained it was more convenient to do so but that the City of Greater Sudbury team may not require that aid next year.

5.2 Further to the President Report, Danny shared that the Taskforce would meet again in the fall. John shared points discussed in the meeting regarding the enormous backlog in the Courts. The OPPs are not joining FONOM and the Chiefs due to politics. Therefore, FONOM is speaking on the community's behalf. Also, the frustration surrounding the Police Services Boards was discussed.

MOTION CARRIED.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Resolutions Received – Water Aerodromes

Township of Armour	Town of Marathon	Township of Ryerson
Township of Perry	Village of South River	Township of Joly
City of Kenora	Township of Laurentian Hills	

Following a discussion by the Board.

It was **MOVED** by **L. Carleton** **SECONDED** by **J. Curley** that the

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities will contact the Federal Minister of Transportation, asking for Local Consultation on constructing Aerodromes in Northern Ontario.

MOTION CARRIED.

6.2 Resolutions Received – Food Insecurity

City of North Bay Village of Burks Falls

Following a discussion by the Board.

It was MOVED by **D. Plourde**, SECONDED by **J. Curley** that the

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities endorse the letter from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and call on the Province of Ontario to.

- legislate targets for the reduction of food insecurity as part of the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy; and
- increase social assistance rates to reflect the costs of living, and to index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward; and
- urge the province to resume investigating the feasibility of creating a guaranteed living wage (basic income) in the Province of Ontario;

MOTION CARRIED.

6.3 Resolution Received – Escalating Municipal Insurance

Township of James

Following a discussion by the Board.

Received for Information

6.4 Resolution Received – Rescind Bill 60

City of North Bay

Following a discussion by the Board.

Received for Information

6.5 Resolution Received – Call for additional resources to combat opioids, mental health, and homelessness

Town of Parry Sound	Township of Ryerson
Township of McKellar	Township of Machar

Following a discussion by the Board.

Received for Information

6.6 Resolutions Received – Support of FONOM Housing Resolution

Municipality of East Ferris	Township of Macher
Township of Bonfield	Municipality of Mattice
Town of Kapuskasing	Township of BRM
Town of Parry Sound	Township of McKellar
Township of MMA& A	City of North Bay
Township of Nipissing	Township of Hornepayne
City of Timmins	Township of Perry
Township of Perry	Township of Conmee
Township of Chapple	Township of Chisholm

Following a discussion by the Board.

Received for Information

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

It was **MOVED** by **P. Lefebvre**, **SECONDED** by **A. McNevin** all the correspondence items are received for information purposes.

- 7.1 Resolutions Received – Support of FONOM Bail Reform Resolution
- 7.2 Letter Sent and Received – Proceeds from Tax Sales
- 7.3 Resolution Received – Opposition to Enbridge Gas' Proposed Utility Fee
- 7.4 Resolution Received - Proceeds from Tax Sales
- 7.5 Resolution Received – Virtual Healthcare
- 7.6 Resolutions Received – School Trustee Elections
- 7.7 Resolution Received – Northern College Skills Development Funding
- 7.8 Resolutions Received – Supporting AMO Housing Resolution
- 7.9 Letter Received – Donation Thank you
- 7.10 Resolution Received – Removing Barriers for Women in Politics
- 7.11 Letter Received – Donation Thank you
- 7.12 Letter Received – Local Food Week
- 7.13 Letter Received – Thank you to D. Whalen – Transportation Taskforce
- 7.14 Joint Letter Sent – Employment Transformation
- 7.15 Letter Received – Thank you for sharing your concern
- 7.16 Resolution Received – NOSDA AGM
- 7.17 Letter Received – Paramedic Services Regional Report (EOWC)
- 7.18 Letter Received – Thank you for your letter
- 7.19 Report Received – Resolution & Forest Access Road Funding Report

MOTION CARRIED.

8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 8.1 It was **MOVED** by **J. Curley**, **SECONDED** by **P. Lefebvre**, that the Board received the list of Expenditures (*Attached Page 10*) for May, June, July, and August 2023.

MOTION CARRIED.

- 8.2 It was **MOVED** by **D. Plourde**, **SECONDED** by **A. MacNevin**, that the Board receive the Financial Report (*Attached Page 11*) ending August 6, 2023

MOTION CARRIED.

- 8.3 M. Bain discussed the policy Documents FONOM would present during the Minister Delegations. The Board did not successfully get a Delegation with Minister Lecce, but we have forwarded him our Policy Paper through MMAH. (*Attached Pages 12-24*)

8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (continued)

- 8.4 M. Bain shared the status of the Northern Hospitality Suite with the Board and commented on the generous support we have received from our partners. Gold Partners Enbridge, NWMO, the City of Timmins, KWM Consulting, and Silver partners OFIA, MFOA, and Forest Ontario
- 8.5 M. Bain noted to the Board that the office is functioning well and that he has started working with Bakertilly on the Audit.

9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS

District of Nipissing

T. Kelly noted that the housing market in the District remains strong, sharing that East Ferris had 50 new homes built in 2022 and 25 in 2023. Terry also shared that East Ferris has opened a new Town Office and a Health Hub in the last six months. Terry also shared he will be attending the NWMO Municipal Advisory Meeting at the end of September.

City of Timmins

J. Curley noted that Timmins' agenda concerns the City's Homelessness challenges. John also recently noted the Mayor and Council held a Community Safety and Wellbeing Information Session for the Public. He noted that it was important for Council, Police, and City Staff to listen to the Community.

District of Cochrane

D. Plourde shared that the District needs long-term beds and that the area has been approved for a new 125-extended care bed facility. The challenge is the construction price is too high for the funding envelope.

District of Parry Sound

L. Carleton mentioned that communities continue to have challenges with short-term rentals in the District. A concern is also the impact invasive species are starting to have on the lakes and waterways in the area. She also shared that she is looking forward to the Good Gauley GoNorth Video of one of the old businesses in the area, the Hockey Opportunity Camp.

City of Greater Sudbury

P. Lefebvre commented the bit for the City's new Event Centre has come in at 200 million. The community is excited about the proposal for the old St. Joseph's Hospital Site by Panoramic Properties. The plan includes a mixed blend of 500 units, including Senior residences, Apartments, and Condos. Paul also noted an increase in the mining activity in the city with the addition of two new mines, a total of eleven.

9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS

District of Manitoulin

A. MacNevin noted that the Island has a resurgence of tourists, especially Americans. The 12 Unit Seniors housing he has mentioned previously is soon opening. These units are the first Social Housing on the island since the DSSADs were formed; he noted that 50 seniors are on the waiting list. He commented that the Fielding Foundation was very generous to this project. Al shared that the Island hospitals are struggling due to staff to fill Locum positions, noting that it takes too long for them to get paid.

District of Timiskaming

D. Whalen noted that his District has two larger Centres, Kirkland Lake and Temiskaming Shores. These two communities tend to consider their surrounding communities' needs when building infrastructure. Sharing the new housing development in New Liskeard takes into consideration the need of the entire district. A new building with nearly 200 units is 50% completed. Also, the Grant Mansion has been purchased by a Texas investor who will remodel and complete the building. Which will be being filmed as a TV Mansion Improvement Show.

District of Sudbury

None provided.

City of North Bay

None Provided

District of Algoma

None Provided

City of Sault Ste Marie

None Provided

10.0 OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 D. Whalen and M. Bain discussed Mayor Shoemaker's article in the Sault Star regarding the City and the North's access to new power generation. The Board discussed the North role in the generation and that transmission investments are increasingly important.
- 10.2 The Board had discussed not funding a further round of the It Takes A Forest (ITAF) billboard campaign.

10.0 OTHER BUSINESS continued

10.3 Stable and reliable funding for NOSU - Resolution and Letter

Following a discussion by the Board.

It was **MOVED** by **L. Carleton** **SECONDED** by **J. Curley** that the

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities supports the financial efforts of the Northern School of Medicine, further, send a copy of the Resolution to our Members and ask Mayor's to also write a Letter to the Premier.

10.4 Funding Request for Project ECHO by Sandra Hollingsworth

Following a discussion, it was suggested to have Sandra share her understanding of the ask from Dr. Sibbald's organization.

10.5 President per diem

Danny shared that the level of consultation and media inquiries the President receives has increased considerably. After discussion, the Resolution attached on *page 25*, was presented.

It was **MOVED** by **J. Curley** **SECONDED** by **D. Plourde** that the

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities supports an increase to the Presidential per diem to \$300 for a Full Day and a Half Day Rate of \$150

11:0 IN CAMERA

None

12.0 NEXT MEETING

Kapuskasing, Ontario, on Friday, October 27, 2023, at 8:30 am or at the Call of the Chair

13.0 ADJOURNMENT at 5:50 pm

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF August 20th, 2023

It was **MOVED** by **D. Plourde** **SECONDED** by **M. Horsefield** that the Minutes be accepted as presented on September 25th, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED.



President Danny Whalen

5.1

2023 Conference Revenue and Expenses processed by Executive Director

2023 FONOM Conference hosted by Parry Sound					
			Cost	HST	Cheque Total
Monies Received					
20-Apr	FedNor Deposit - Tradeshow Booth and Sponsorship				\$ 10,000.00
25-Apr	intact - Sponsorship				\$ 7,500.00
12-May	MPAC - Tuesday Lunch Sponsorship				\$ 4,878.55
22-Jun	Enbridge - Exhibitor - Booth 17 + \$275 extra staff	\$3,380	\$	439.40	\$ 3,819.40
22-Jun	Enbridge - Sponsorship				\$ 5,000.00
	Totals	\$ 3,380.00	\$	439.40	\$ 31,197.95
Expenses Paid					
26-Mar	National Speakers - Dan Trommater	7,668.18	\$	1,145.82	\$ 8,814.00
20-Mar	I branched out - swag bag items	\$ 4,375.00	\$	568.75	\$ 4,943.75
10-Apr	Staples - Paper for printing conference Agenda	\$ 91.05	\$	11.84	\$ 102.89
11-Apr	Volunteer T-shirts	\$ 157.38	\$	20.46	\$ 177.84
20-Apr	Trestle - Beer for Swag Bags	\$ 763.30	\$	99.23	\$ 862.53
20-Apr	Amazon Volunteer T-shirts	\$ 151.08			\$ 170.72
30-Apr	Staples - Printing first page of Agenda	\$ 282.76	\$	36.76	\$ 319.52
30-Apr	Amazon - AV clicker	\$ 19.99	\$	2.60	\$ 22.59
03-May	Staples - Media and extra lanyards	\$ 282.76	\$	9.09	\$ 79.04
04-May	Image Works - screen printing Volunteer T-Shirts	\$ 112.00	\$	14.56	\$ 126.56
04-May	Al Shelter Tents - Exhibitor Table Cloths		\$	148.66	\$ 1,292.16
08-May	Mel Pepein - Translation of Conference Agenda				\$ 475.00
07-May	Staples - Stands and Conference Supplies	\$ 94.36			\$ 106.63
10-May	Best Western = Key Note speaker - one night stay	\$ 239.00			\$ 270.07
10-May	Speaker Donations - The Drop				\$ 150.00
10-May	Speaker Donations - Rorary Club				\$ 150.00
10-May	Speaker Donations - Hospice				\$ 150.00
10-May	Speaker Donations - Harvest Share				\$ 150.00
10-May	Speaker Donations				\$ 150.00
10-May	Staffing Registration Desk				\$ 500.00
10-May	Staffing Registration Desk				\$ 500.00
11-May	Georgian Bay Biosphere - Conference Panels & Walk	\$ 1,274.00	\$	165.62	\$ 1,439.62
	Totals	\$ 15,510.86	\$	2,223.39	\$ 20,952.92

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List of Expenditures			
January 1st, 2023 - February 28th, 2023			
May, June, July, August, 2023			
Cheque Number	Date	Item	Cheque amount
	30-Apr-23	Service Charges	\$ 21.75
423	04-May-23	Image Works - T Shirt scening	\$ 126.56
424	04-May-23	Mac Bain - Conference Expenses	\$ 7,138.29
425	10-May-23	Donation - Harvest Share	\$ 125.00
426	10-May-23	Donation - The Drop Parry Sound	\$ 125.00
427	10-May-23	Donation - PC Rotary Club	\$ 125.00
428	10-May-23	Donation - Hospice of PS	\$ 125.00
429	10-May-23	Sue Whalen - Registration	\$ 500.00
430	10-May-23	Deb Bain - Registration	\$ 500.00
431	11-May-23	Lyndra Carleton - Board	\$ 411.24
432	11-May-23	Terry Kelly - Board	\$ 684.32
433	11-May-23	Mel Pepin - Translation of Agenda	\$ 475.00
434	2023-05-11	Maggie Horsefield - Board	\$ 414.24
435	11-May-23	Georgina bay Biosphere - Walk & Presentation	\$ 1,439.62
436	2023-05-12	Mac Bain - Expenses and Honourarium	\$ 6,158.62
437	2023-05-12	John Curley - Board	\$ 900.69
438	16-May-23	Alan MacNevin - Board	\$ 615.40
439	17-May-23	Lynn Watson - Board	\$ 724.20
440	17-May-23	Renée Carrier - Board	\$ 491.80
441	19-May-23	National Speakers Bureau - Trommater Mileage	\$ 328.44
	31-May-23	Service Charges	\$ 31.75
442	05-Jun-23	Danny Whalen - FONOM Board	\$ 982.86
443	09-Jun-23	Mac Bain - Statement 42	\$ 2,813.30
444	20-Jun-23	John Curley - Bail Reform	\$ 982.86
445	22-Jun-23	Deb Bain - Office Rent	\$ 675.00
446	28-Jun-23	Danny Whalen - June meetings	\$ 892.38
	30-Jun-23	Service Charges	\$ 15.50
447	05-Jul-23	Clark Communications - Annual Web hosting	\$ 1,193.28
448	2023-07-06	FedNor - overpayment	\$ 14,179.00
449	2023-07-07	Mac Bain Statement 43	\$ 3,512.65
450	2023-07-14	Good Gauley Production	\$ 25,463.59
451	2023-07-15	CMG Computering Services - System Monitoring	\$ 135.60
452		void	
453	2023-07-19	Dave Plourde	\$ 855.71
454	2023-08-01	Matthews Maple Syrup - Candy	\$ 150.00
455	2023-08-04	Mac Bain - Statement 44	\$ 4,346.20

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FONOM			
Financial Summary			
April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024			
as of August 6, 2023			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenue			
Membership	32,555.00	28,056.88	4,498.12
AMO Reimbursements	4,000.00	-	4,000.00
NOHFC	45,000.00	31,431.90	13,568.10
Northern Suite at AMO	7,500.00	-	5,500.00
Investment Interest + RevCan	-	-	-
Conference	30,000.00	31,649.95	(1,649.95)
Donations	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
FedNor - Promote the North		(14,179.00)	14,179.00
	124,055.00	76,959.73	45,095.27
Service Fees	225.00	69.00	156.00
Board Meetings	42,000.00	11,491.56	30,508.44
Amo Board Meeting & Mou	16,500.00	-	16,500.00
	300.00	1,283.52	9,716.48
	571.00	5,463.83	(892.83)
Insurance	700.00	-	700.00
General & Admin	9,300.00	1,684.34	7,615.66
Audit And Legal Fees	6,000.00	-	6,000.00
Staff Wages	34,000.00	13,000.00	21,000.00
Staff Travel	1,500.00	295.80	1,204.20
Executive Honorarium	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Northern Hospitality Amo	9,500.00	2,476.67	7,023.33
Conference Expense	14,000.00	12,937.15	1,062.85
GoNorth Campaign	50,000.00	25,599.01	24,400.99
Catch n Release	10,000.00	2,394.98	7,605.02
Other	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
	214,296.00	76,695.86	137,600.14
	(90,241.00)	263.87	(92,504.87)