

FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES

MINUTES

**Friday, October 27, 2023
Kapuskasing Town Office
Kapuskasing, Ontario**

Present

**D. Whalen, President
D. Plourde, 1st Vice President
L. Watson, 2nd Vice President
A. MacNevin, Director
L. Carleton, Director
T. Kelly, Director**

Zoom

**M. Horsfield, Director
S. Hollingsworth, Director**

Regrets

**J. Curley, Director
R. Carriere, Director
P. Lefebvre, Director**

Staff

M. Bain, Executive Director

FONOM Board Meeting

Friday, October 27, 2023

President D. Whalen welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 8:34 am

1.0 Welcome and President's Report

FONOM October Board Meeting

- Danny shared the Boards dismay at the tragic events in Sault Ste Marie. He asked Sandra to share with her Council our Boards sympathy
- Danny thanked Dave and Christine for opening their home to the Board and Thursday evening. Their hospitality was very much appreciated.
- Thank you to all the Board members who participated in our AMO delegations and assisted with the hospitality suite. We can take a bit of pride in how well our Suite is attended and the number of Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Parliamentary Assistants, and top staff that show up. It is also highly spoken of by delegates and trade show participants.
- I have, since our delegation with Minister Kerzner and Minister Downey, spoken at length with staff as we prepared our letter to the federal government regarding bail reform. I have also spoken with staff regarding the lack of O.P.P. representation on the topic and have since been in talks with a member of the provincial force in North Bay.
- I have spoken with Dean Surma of NOSM U about our delegation with the Ministry of Health and the funding shortfall NOSM U is facing. Municipalities are sending letters supporting FONOM and our request. NOSM U greatly appreciates our support and efforts.
- I have the Executive Director for the Cochrane Family Health Team reach out regarding doctor recruitment. One doctor mans the local health care facilities. The physical capacity to host and graduate students for required placements does not exist. They have created and are pitching the idea of virtual placements as an option for smaller areas. I have asked for a letter outlining the situation and Program they envision to be sent to the FONOM Board.
- The College of Physicians has contacted me to discuss the doctors and health services across the North. They seem to be interested in making a presentation during the annual Conference.
- I spent some time speaking with both the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding upcoming funding announcements.
- I will be attending a virtual meeting with NOMA - NOSM-U. There is a lot of discussions and questions regarding the doctor shortage in the North. While NOSM-U claims 80 + % of the graduates remain in the North, this does not seem to hold true when we look at the current shortages.

1.0 Welcome and President's Report – continued

Meetings

September 18 - Meeting with Minister Rickford and the NOHFC Board members.

September 22nd - Meeting with O.P.P. regarding bail reform

27,28 and September 29 - AMO Executive, C of W and Board meetings

October 05th - MOU meeting

October 05 - FONOM/NOMA meet with Ministry of Infrastructure

October 19th - NOMA/NOSM-U/FONOM meeting

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2.0 ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** by **L. Carleton**, **SECONDED** by **M. Horsfield** and Silos that the Agenda be approved with additions.

MOTION CARRIED.

3.0 Timed Delegations

Hope Air – Mark Rubinstein

Mr. Rubinstein joined the meeting at 10:10 am and presented the slide deck on pages 16-34. He shared with the Board the mission, history, challenges, and opportunities for Hope Air. Following the presentation, Mark answered questions from Board Members and clarified ways FONOM will be able to assist their ask of the Minister of Health.

Following a discussion by the Board.

It was **MOVED** by D. Plourde **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton** that

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities believes that Hope Air provides a valuable Service to vulnerable individuals of Northern Ontario. Therefore, be it Resolved FONOM supports Hope Air in it's request to the Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones, for a Private-Public Funding Model.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Minister of Mining, **George Pirie**, joined the Board Meeting for an hour. He spoke about the success of Mining Week, as well as updated the Board on the developments of several mining projects in Northern Ontario. Minister Pirie commented on how well Ontario is positioned to benefit from the EV industry, which will go a long way to wean us off our reliance on Fossil Fuels. He spoke

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3.0 Timed Delegations - continued

to a shift where the public looks North for economic prosperity, including discussions involving deep seaports in Hudson's Bay. These Ports are closer to those countries that will require Rare Earth Metals. He also spoke about the importance of having processing in Ontario as well. D. Whalen and the balance of the Board thanked Minister Pirie for sharing his views and being so generous with his time.

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE September 25, 2023 BOARD MEETING

It was **MOVED** by **T. Kelly** **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton** that the Minutes be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 5.1 D. Whalen and S. Hollingworth discussed the merits and purpose of Project ECHO and the impact wounds have on Northern Health Care. The Board supported the ideals and the general principles of Project ECHO. But the Board also discussed that no funding will be provided.

It was **MOVED** by **L. Carleton** **SECONDED** by **A. MacNevin** that the Board, *also that no funds will be provided to the Project.*

- 5.2 The Board shared their thoughts on the Creation of a Conference Reserve, noting that unforeseen events could negatively impact Conference Revenues.

It was **MOVED** by **T. Kelly** **SECONDED** by **D. Plourde** that the Board supported the following Resolution.

*Whereas the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) holds an annual conference based on bid submissions
And whereas this annual Conference requires significant financial commitments before the actual event
And whereas many external pressures (Pandemics and other medical or social emergencies) could impact the financial results of the annual conference negatively
And whereas any impact on the annual conference revenues may impact FONOM's financial ability to conduct business on behalf of its membership*

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5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - continued

Therefore, it resolved that the Board of Directors create a Conference Reserve to offset any negative impacts from any future conference loss. The target amount of the Conference Reserve is to be four months of FONOM's Annual Budget

Further, any deposits or withdrawals from the Conference Reserve be by Resolution of the Board of Directors

MOTION CARRIED.

5.3 During the September Board Meeting, J. Curley asked about the selection process for FONOM's Auditor. He asked if the Board had supported a Resolution appointing Bakertilly to do the following year's Audit. M. Bain noted that there has been no Resolution, and having one is prudent. He also shared the history of our previous Auditors and that Mac has a good working relationship with Bakertilly.

It was **MOVED** by **T. Kelly** **SECONDED** by **D. Plourde** that the Board supported the following Resolution.

Whereas annually, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities seeks an audit opinion on its financial statements for the year ended March 31

Therefore, Bakertilly be appointed the auditors of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities for the years, 2023-2024 & 2024-2025

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Resolutions Received – Classification of Black Ash as an Endangered Species

Township of St. Joseph

Town of Hearst

Township of Addington Highlands

Following a discussion by the Board.

It was **MOVED** by L. Watson **SECONDED** by **T. Kelly** that

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities is concerned with the Province of Ontario's Classification of Black Ash as an Endangered Species. Furthermore, FONOM agrees that a more thorough understanding, economic study, and consultation are critical to planning before classifying a species as endangered. This is particularly important if the strategy if applied, will severely impact the economy, agriculture, forestry, tourism, recreation, First Nations, and residential landowners.

FONOM supports having the Ontario Black Ash Recovery Strategy rescinded until such actions are taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS - continued

6.2 Resolutions Received – Support for the Northern School of Medicine

FONOM had drafted and circulated a Resolution to support an increase to NOSM base funding in the amount of \$4 Million. FONOM also asked that Mayor's also send a letter to the Premier asking for the base funding increase. D. Whalen noted that this funding request was also discussed during an AMO delegation. FOMOM will send this Resolution,

In recognition of our members listed below support for the Northern School of Medicine, FONOM will send a copy of the Resolutions to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association, and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario.

City of Temiskaming Shores	Municipality of Huron Shores
Municipality of Mattawan	Municipality of Mattice-Val Côté
Municipality of Wawa	Town of Blind River
Town of Hearst	Town of Moosonee
Town of Parry Sound	Ville de Kapuskasing
Township of Billings	Township of Black River – Matheson
Township of Bonfield	Township of the Archipelago
Village of South River	Township of Evanturel
Township of Strong	Town of Spanish
Township of Armstrong	Township of Papineau-Cameron
Municipality of Central Manitoulin	City of Timmins
Township of Nipissing	Village of Sundridge
Township of Macdonald, Meredith, Aberdeen Additional	
NOMA	Municipality of Magnetawan
Township of Armour	Township of Plummer Additional
Municipality of McDougall	City of North Bay
Township of Sables – Spanish Rivers	
Municipality of East Ferris	Township of Larder Lake
Township of Casey	Township of Harley
Township of Hudson	Township of Kerns
Township of Machar	Township of St. Joseph
Township of Ear Falls	Township of O'Connor
Town of Kirkland Lake	Town of Bruce Mines
Township of Perry	Township of McMurrich/Monteith
Municipality of Killarney	City of Sault Ste Marie
Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge	Municipality of Shuniah

6.0 NEW BUSINESS - continued

6.3 Resolution Received – Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act Township of Evanturel

Following a discussion by the Board.

It was MOVED by L. Watson SECONDED by **A. MacNevin**, that FONOM *support the Bill 21 amendments to the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in Section 3 of the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021, adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouses upon admission to a long-term care facility, but to be accommodated so they may continue to live together.*

MOTION CARRIED.

6.4 Letter Received – Immigration RNIP Program Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands

Following a discussion by the Board.

It was MOVED by L. Watson SECONDED by **A. MacNevin**

6.5 Resolution Received – Ontario Public Library Funding Temiskaming Shores Public Library

Following a discussion by the Board.

It was MOVED by D. Whalen SECONDED by L. Watson That FONOM *call on the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport to work with the Ontario Ministries of Economic Development, Education; Finance; Francophone Affairs; Health, Indigenous Affairs; Job Creation and Trade; Public and Business Service Delivery; and Seniors and Accessibility, the Federal Minister of Indigenous Affairs, and FedNor to recognize each Ministry's benefits from library services and to implement a strong continuous funding program for library services.*

MOTION CARRIED.

6.6 Resolutions Received – Fire Risk Posed by Railway Tie Piling Practices of Canadian Pacific (CP) Railway

Township of The Archipelago

Following a discussion by the Board.

It was MOVED by T. Kelly SECONDED by D. Plourde that FONOM *formally request the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Pablo Rodriguez, to enact regulations mandating CP Rail to cease piling up railway ties in a manner that poses a fire risk to Canadian Municipalities and their residents.*

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 Letter Sent –Congratulations regarding the new Cabinet appointment Minister Calandra
- 7.2 Letter Sent –Congratulations regarding the new Cabinet appointment Minister Mulroney
- 7.3 Letter Sent –Congratulations regarding the new Cabinet appointment Minister Sarkaria
- 7.4 Letter Sent –Congratulations regarding the new Cabinet appointment Minister Cho
- 7.5 Letter Sent –Congratulations regarding the new Cabinet appointment Associate Minister Flack
- 7.6 Letter Sent –Congratulations regarding the new Cabinet appointment Associate Minister McCarthy
- 7.7 Resolutions Received – Support of FONOM Housing Resolution
- 7.8 Letter Received – Closure of the Matheson OPP Detachment
- 7.9 Letter Received – Boreal Forest Medieval Villages
- 7.10 Letter Sent – Congratulations regarding the new Cabinet appointment Minister Piccini
- 7.11 Letter Sent – Congratulations regarding the new Cabinet appointment Minister Khanjin
- 7.12 Letter Sent – Congratulations regarding the new Cabinet appointment Minister McCarthy
- 7.13 Reports Received – Nipissing District Poverty Reports 1&2
- 7.14 Letter Sent – Infrastructure Ontario's Loan Program
- 7.15 Letter Received – Thank you from Minister Khanjin
- 7.16 Letter Received – 2023 Excellence in Agriculture awards
- 7.17 Email Received – Upcoming Enbridge Gas expression of interest/reverse open season
- 7.18 Email Received - Invitation to Deliberative Workshop on Public School Closures in Ontario

MOTION CARRIED.

8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 8.1 It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson**, **SECONDED** by **A. MacNevin**, that the Board received the list of Expenditures (*Attached Page 14*) for August and September 2023.

MOTION CARRIED.

- 8.2 It was **MOVED** by **L. Carleton**, **SECONDED** by **S. Hollingsworth**, that the Board receive the Financial Report (*Attached Page 15*) ending October 16th, 2023

MOTION CARRIED.

- 8.3 M. Bain recapped the Northern Hospitality Suite in London. Over 500 people attended the Suite, including over twenty ministers and staff. Mac shared a few lessons learned, and he and Deb will tweak them for next year. Also discussed were our partnerships for next year; following a discussion, the Board decided it would no longer partner with NOMA on the Northern Hospitality Suite.

8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (continued)

- 8.4 M. Bain shared the current statistics of round two of the Go North Video Project. Also, he provided the Board with a proposal from Good Gauley Productions if the Board wanted to move forward. The Board was pleased with the response to the GoNorth Project to date. The Board singled out the efforts of Drew Gauley and Jennifer Baker. The Board directed Mac to discuss with FedNor if they have an appetite to fund a third round.
- 8.5 M. Bain updated the Board on a conversation with Michael Atkinson regarding the SNOED Program. FONOM has placed a page on our website that links to the Program's site. Also, FONOM has communicated directly with the Membership information about the Program. Mac also shared new ideas to aid the Program, like sponsoring up to 10 staff or Council members from communities with a population of less than 2,500. This would hinge on receiving support from FedNor.
- 8.6 M. Bain shared that the reminder Membership notices went out in September and have received a great response. There are currently five members that have yet to renew.
- 8.7 M. Bain briefed the Board on the 2024 FONOM Conference planning. The Board reviewed the type of Agenda they would like the Conference to have.

9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS

City of North Bay

M. Horsfield noted that the City of North Bay supported the NOSM Funding Resolution, and she is bringing forward a resolution on Intimate Partner Violence at the next council meeting.

District of Nipissing

T. Kelly, as FONOM's representative on the Municipal Advisory Committee of the NWMO, shared that they would like the Board to consider a tour of the Oakville Demonstration Centre. Terry and Mac will chat with the NWMO representatives to discuss details.

District of Algoma

L. Watson shared with the Board that he attended the recent ADMA meeting. He referenced a presentation from Wawa and Dubreville on the negative impact on their communities from proximity to Mining Facilities. The communities sharing receive very little revenue from the operations. ADMA members also voiced concerns about challenges with Ontario OneCall. Lynn also noted a new Highway snowplow contractor has started in Algoma, and they hope they work out.

9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS - continued

District of Manitoulin

A. MacNevin noted that the Island Hospitals have announced several times that emergency days will be closed. But fortunately, with last-minute locums, the departments could stay open. Al talked about the announcement of the Mill closure in Espanola. He attended an information session and learned that only 20% of the Mills employees live in Espanola. Therefore, it has a district-wide impact. He mentioned that the Province has been working with all affected people.

District of Cochrane

D. Plourde shared that the District is dealing with the negative impacts of short-term rentals on Doctors and Nurses providing Locums. Dave noted that many traditional long-term rentals are used for short-term rentals and that some motels are now long-term.

District of Parry Sound

L. Carleton mentioned she is the current President of the PSMA, and at its most recent meeting, she shared the activities of FONOM, including the GoNorth Video Project. Lynda shared that a Mental Health Vigil was recently held, with hundreds attending. It was noted that the meetings are being held to inform the District of the plans for the Northlander's return. Finally, Lynda mentioned that several communities in Parry Sound are passing resolutions asking the Province to step in and regulate short-term rentals.

City of Sault Ste Marie

S. Hollingsworth asked if FONOM had received a Resolution from our membership regarding Intimate Partner Violence. Hearing that we have not, she spoke to the Resolution that is being forwarded to Sault Ste Marie the following Monday. Sandra will ensure that FONOM receives the SSM Resolution; she asks that the FONOM Membership be sent copies of the Resolutions received.

District of Timiskaming

D. Whalen noted that much is being done in the District to promote the establishment of more Family Health Teams. He also mentioned that the region is seeking a meeting with the Minister of Transportation concerning the qualifications of many Transport Drivers. Also, Danny shared his concern about the shape of our highways in Northern Ontario. He noted that projects like the NWMO and Resource extraction will be impacted. Danny finally shared the concern with the Provincial pilot project for Part Three of the POA: no one is chasing Bail offenses.

District of Sudbury

None provided.

City of Timmins

None Provided

City of Greater Sudbury

None Provided

10.0 OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 M. Bain discussed with the Board the content of the upcoming FONOM Conference in Sudbury

10.2 The FONOM Board discussed their concern with the Homelessness Paper that NPI is releasing. The Board is still concerned that the Paper speaks to creating a Centre of Excellence. The Board's concerns are that most expect a brick-and-mortar structure (if not two, one in the Northwest and one in the Northeast) and believe that monies should be spent on housing instead. Also, FONOM appreciates that each District has unique health challenges and that a system be created for Northern Districts to communicate with the Regional and Clinical Leads of the Ontario Centre of Excellence.

11:0 IN CAMERA

None

12.0 NEXT MEETING

NEMI, Ontario, on Friday, December 08, 2023, at 8:30 am or the Call of the Chair

13.0 ADJOURNMENT at 12:35 pm

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF October 27, 2023

It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson** **SECONDED** by **M. Horsfield** that the Minutes be accepted as presented on December 8, 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 sceening	\$ 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)	



HOPE AIR

**Bridging the Distance Between
Home & Hospital**

**Presentation to The Federation of Northern
Ontario Municipalities**

October 2023



About Hope Air

Hope Air is Canada's only national charity providing **air travel and accommodations for Canadians in financial need who must access medical care far from home.**

Providing free non-emergency travel support for families, individuals and children who must travel longer distances to reach care

Helping patients with low income reach health care for all medical conditions including cardiac, cancer, orthopedic, mental health, transplants, pediatric, surgery, etc.

Founded in 1986, Hope Air has supported over 180,000 travel arrangements for patients in need, including 20,000+ in Ontario



Our Goals



1 Better Health

As a result of timely access to appointments, a decreased need for emergency care, and early treatment and diagnosis.



2 Reduced Poverty

For those living in remote communities under financial strain whose quality of care would suffer without our support.



3 Stronger Communities

facilitated by travel support for patients living in rural areas that helps them to miss fewer work days and remain in their home communities.

Hope Air Programs

While our primary focus is on air travel, Hope Air offers **support across a variety of programs areas** to help patients with the unseen costs of travel for medical care.



The Need

At Hope Air we're not an airline,
we're a lifeline. We address the
consequences of low-income, poverty
and distance when accessing
care.



3.2 million

Canadians live below the poverty line



3 in 10

live outside of major cities and far from medical centres



3 in 10

require a visit to a medical specialist

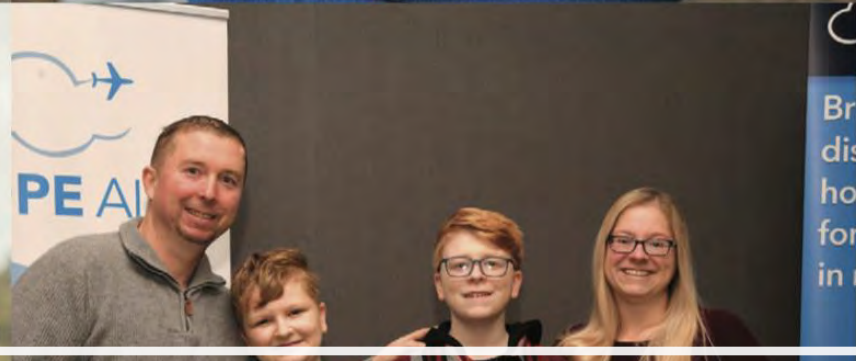


The Hope Air Story

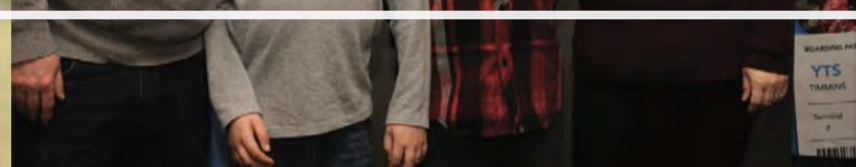
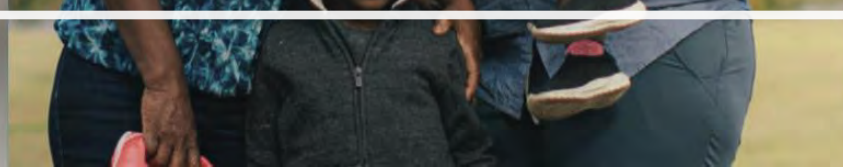
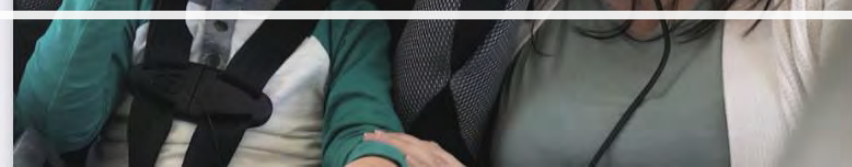
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Humanity is 100 % of Canadians being
able to access the vital healthcare they need.

[Watch on YouTube](#)



Our Patients



Hope Air Patient Persona

- Household of 2 living in Northern Ontario
- \$40,000 annual gross income
- Limited or no family doctor at home
- Referred to Hope Air by local hospital social worker
- Must travel to Princess Margaret, Sick Children's, Toronto General hospitals in Toronto for treatment 2-4 times per year.
- Must travel with an escort for emotional and physical reasons



Lorena Hearst, Ontario

“Without Hope Air helping me travel from Northern Ontario to Toronto for cancer treatment, I would have been forced to delay my appointments and go deeply into debt. With their support, I have been able to focus on my treatment and care for Ovarian Cancer. Hope Air literally saved my life”



Rob – Timmins, Ontario

Hope Air bridges the gap between home and hospital, **connecting Rob to life saving prostate cancer treatment.**

"Without Hope Air, I would have had to drive 10 hours each way from Timmins to Toronto multiple times for treatment. They are a lifeline, allowing me to focus on what matters most – my health"



100% of the people we serve are in financial need including many living at or below the poverty line which is a major barrier to accessing healthcare.

A portrait of a young girl with light brown hair styled in two braids. She is smiling and looking directly at the camera. She is wearing a white collared shirt under a dark jacket. The background is a dark, textured blue.

Zoe

Windsor, ON

Impact: Reduced Poverty

"Travelling for treatment every 10 days is very costly. You're wearing down your vehicle and between the cost of hotels and fuel it very quickly adds up. But that is what we have to do to save our child's life."

- Heidi, Zoe's mom

HOPE AIR IN ONTARIO 2023



2,800
travel
arrangements

Hope Air has completed 2,800 travel arrangements in Ontario to date (up 100%), and are projected to grow to over 8,000 travel arrangements per year for 2025

33%

33% of Hope Air clients would be in debt, or cancel/delay their appointments without Hope Air.

2,000
flights 

Hope Air has completed 2,000 flight trips in 2023 and is projected to grow to 3,500 flight trips by 2025.



In Ontario, majority of patients are from Northern Ontario.



Hope Air Northern Ontario Communities Served

- Thunder Bay
- Timmins
- Sudbury
- Sault Ste Marie
- Kenora
- Gore Bay
- Hearst
- North Bay
- Kenora
- Red Lake
- Fort Frances
- And many other places throughout the North

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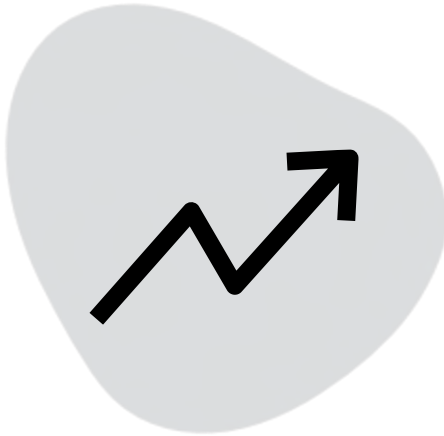
At Hope Air we're not an airline,
we're a lifeline.

We address the consequences of poverty and
distance when accessing care.



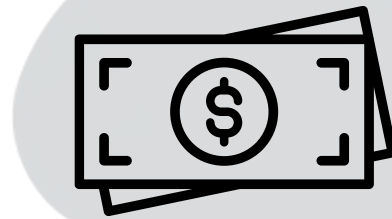
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IMPACT OF HOPE AIR IN ONTARIO



Increasing Access to Healthcare

Inequality when it comes to healthcare access is a major problem affecting communities across Ontario and due to cost of living pressures, the need for Hope Air's services has never been greater.



Reducing effects of poverty

Hope Air clients are low-income from various remote and rural communities in Ontario. We prevent people from going deeper into poverty by ensuring medical travel is provided at no expense to a patient/escort.



Providing Affordable Solutions

When individuals in rural and smaller communities delay or cancel their medical appointments that is when emergency situations happen, and other more costly travel services, such as Ornge, must step in.

Hope Air Funding Challenges



- Currently all programs funded through private sector donations
- No funding provided from Ontario government unlike in other provinces like B.C., PEI and Newfoundland/Labrador.
- Patient demand has increased 100% year over year and funding resources are now exhausted
- **Without government funding support, programs and services will be reduced or suspended. Patients will have reduced access to health care .**

What is the solution?

Hope Air is requesting a funding partnership with
the Ontario government



HOPE AIR

Hope Air with new government funding



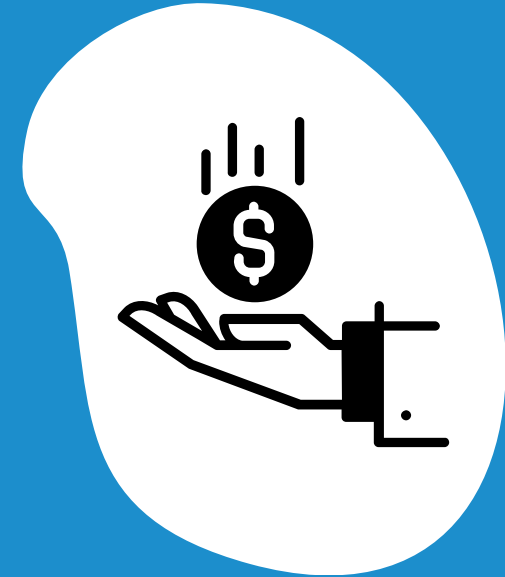
Opportunity to service more Ontarians

With new funding, Hope Air could support 8,000+ travel arrangements per year. Hope Air is the only disease agnostic, non-emergent travel assistance program in Ontario.



Equitable access to healthcare

Hope Air takes into account a socio-economic lens when determining eligibility. In comparison the NHTG focuses solely on the patient's location and medical needs. Hope Air's eligibility is focused on the unique needs of Ontarians from vulnerable communities.



Saving money for Ontario in the long-term

Hope Air improves the financial capacity of its patients by providing services free of charge and allowing patients to have minimum disruptions to their life and ultimately their work. Hope Air allows Ontarians to get diagnosed and treated faster - without them the Ontario Healthcare system would be further strained with more acute patients.





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