

**FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES**

**MINUTES**

**Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Terrace Suites  
Callander, Ontario**

**Present**

**D. Whalen, President**

**D. Plourde, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

**L. Watson, 2nd Vice  
President**

**A. MacNevin, Director**

**L. Carleton, Director**

**J. Curley,  
Director**

**R. Carriere, Director (ZOOM)**

**T. Kelly, Director**

**M. Signoretti, Alternate Director**

**M. Horsfield, Director**

**S. Hollingsworth, Director**

**Regrets**

**P. Lefebvre, Director**

**Staff**

**M. Bain, Executive Director**

## **FONOM Board Meeting**

Friday, October 4, 2024

**President D. Whalen welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.**

### **1.0 Welcome and President's Report**

Danny provided a written report of his activities since August. **(Page 8)**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **2.0 ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was **MOVED** by **S. Hollingsworth**, **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton**, that the Agenda be approved as amended.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **3.0 Timed Delegations –**

The Board received a presentation from members of LAS, Jason Hagan & Aliya Khayat, on their Water & Wastewater Consultation, which included.

- What is a Municipal Services Corporation
- Benefits & Strategic Risks on Governance, Funding & Finance, Planning & Delivery
- Where a Municipal Service Corporation May be the Best Fit
- Illustrations of Water & Wastewater Municipal Services Corporations

Marc Belanger and Peter O'Toole, Bakertilly's representatives, presented the 2023-2024 FONOM Annual Audit to the Board. They walked the Board through the audit process results and clarified the members' questions. They stated the audit was clean and asked Mac to sign the recommendation letter following the Board's approval. The audit is available online at FONOM AUDIT 2023-2034

[https://fonom.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Financial-Statements\\_2024.pdf](https://fonom.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Financial-Statements_2024.pdf)

### **4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE August 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 BOARD MEETING**

It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson**, **SECONDED** by **M. Horsfield**, that the Minutes be accepted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## 5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 M. Bain briefly reviewed the Board's Delegation meeting held during the AMO Conference. The Board understood the rationale behind the government's not holding Multi Minister Delegations. They shared their frustration with the lack of time left for their municipal delegations and how little time they have left to attend conference sessions.

5.2 M. Bain shared a brief update on the Northern Hospitality Suite held during the AMO Conference. The Suite had over 650 people, including over 16 ministers, staff, members of the three opposition parties, and many municipal politicians from across the province. The event ended in a favourable financial position.

5.3 M. Bain presented an update on the financial wrap-up from the Sudbury Conference. He continues to work with the Sudbury Tourism Department to find a conclusion to this file. Mac shared what he has observed over the last two conferences and said he will ensure processes are in place for future events. He also shared that the Conference Package were sent out in September and a remind will be sent out in mid-October. Closing date was November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Resolution Received – OPP Costing  
Town of Thessalon

6.2 Resolution and Letter Received – Public Libraries and Community Museums  
Town of Thessalon

6.3 Resolution Received – Incidental Cabins  
Coleman Township

6.4 Resolutions Received – AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act  
Municipality of Magnetawan and 10ther Municipality

It was **MOVED** by **M. Horsefield** **SECONDED** by **L. Watson, that**

*It is resolved that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities hereby supports the AMTCO Province updates to the Municipal Act.*

6.5 Resolution Received – Canada Build Fund  
Municipality of Magnetawan

6.6 Resolution Received – Update Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act  
Municipality of Magnetawan

It was **MOVED** by **M. Horsefield** **SECONDED** by **D. Plourde, that**

*Be it resolved that The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities hereby endorses and supports an Update to the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act;*

6.7 Resolution Received – Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of  
Conduct and Enforcement  
Municipality of Magnetawan

It was **MOVED** by **L. Carleton** **SECONDED** by **M. Signoretti, that**

*Be it resolved that The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities hereby endorses and supports Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement*

## 6.0 NEW BUSINESS – continued

- 6.8 Resolution Received – Cellular Coverage Concerns  
Municipality of Magnetawan
- 6.9 Resolution Received – Alcohol Sales in Convenience Stores and Locations that Sell Fuel/  
Comprehensive Provincial Alcohol Strategy  
City of Temiskaming Shores

## 7.0 CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

**T. Kelly** moved and was seconded by **L. Carleton** that all the correspondence items were received for information purposes.

- 7.1 Resolutions Received – Support for Nurse Practitioners (Billing)
- 7.2 Resolutions Received – Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program
- 7.3 Resolutions Received – Support the return of the Assessment Cycle
- 7.4 Resolutions Received – Solve the Crisis
- 7.5 Letter Received – Highway Rest Areas
- 7.6 Resolutions Received – Private Water Testing
- 7.7 Resolutions Received – Shortage of Physician Care and Access to Physician Care
- 7.8 Resolution Received – Public Private Partnership Senior Government Policy Changes
- 7.9 Resolution Received – Funding AORS Municipal Equipment Operator Course
- 7.10 Resolution Received – Support Exotic Animals
- 7.11 Resolutions Received – Establishes accounting standards for the Public Sector
- 7.12 Letter Received – Thank you for Meeting at AMO
- 7.13 Resolutions Received – Investing in Canada Plan funding stream: Green infrastructure
- 7.14 Resolution Received – Call for the registration of Mike Mantha
- 7.15 Information Received - ONIP Update (includes District of Parry Sound)
- 7.16 Information Received - Long-Term Future of Billy Bishop Airport
- 7.17 void
- 7.18 Resolution Received – support for Champlain Bridge Funding
- 7.19 Resolution Received – support for Hope Air Day
- 7.20 Letter Received – Black Ash Protection Measures
- 7.21 Letter Received – Requesting Update on 2+1 Highway Project

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## 8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 8.1 **L. Watson** moved, seconded by **L. Carleton**, that the Board receive the list of Expenditures (*Attached Page 9*) for August and September, 2024

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- 8.2 **A. MacNevin** moved, seconded by **D. Plourde**, that the Board receive the Financial Report (*Attached Page 10*) ending September 23, 2024

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- 8.3 M. Bain discussed the FedNor grants with the Board

## **8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS - continued**

- 8.4 M. Bain shared that he had a discussion with the CAO of the North Bay Regional Health Centre regarding Doctor and Nursing challenges and the challenges hospitals in the North have. Mac commented that he offered FONOM assistance to the Northern Hospital group if it worked for them.
- 8.5 M. Bain chatted about the GoNorth Projects and asked for ideas for the seven districts and industry videos.

## **9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS**

### **City of North Bay**

M. Horsfield shared that the City is working with many Agencies ahead of winter to aid the unhoused population. Maggie also shared that the DNSSAB has applied for a Heart Hub. Lastly, she shared that Canadore has opened a new Sports Dome.

### **District of Sudbury**

R. Carriere shared with the Board that the Senior Housing Development in French River is proceeding, and a new business announcement is coming soon. Renee noted that the Region had a business tourism season, and thankfully, things are back to normal. She shared that there are still questions about the OPP Station but has heard there will be answers soon.

### **City of Sudbury**

M. Signoretti shared that the Old Hospital Development has entered the second step in the development process. Marc noted that the Federal Government has committed \$25 Million towards their new Cultural Hub and Twin Pad. He commented that the City has engaged an architect for the new event centre, and talks have been held with prospective vendors and tenants. Marc shared there are pressures on staff and landowners as encampments occur on private lands, which may lead to charges. He proudly noted that the City has hired Sara Cunningham as the new Police Chief. He also shared that new landfill fees are being implemented.

### **District of Parry Sound**

L. Carleton noted that the Association (PSMA) meeting was held recently and was well attended and successful. One of the issues of concern in the district is Health Care and the additional commitment that some Municipalities are asking to fund a second Hospital.

### **District of Algoma**

L. Watson shared that the ADMA meeting was held recently, with 18 of the 21 municipalities able to attend. An essential outcome of the meeting was the appointment of the association's new Executive Director. The North Shore Health Network helps provide health care to a much larger area. Lynn noted that other items discussed were the Council meeting format to allow Zoom participation and the makeup and costs of the new Police Services Boards.

### **District of Manitoulin**

A. MacNevin shared that FONOM's policy recommendations to create Ontario Homes are being debated on the Island. Al also noted that a recruiter has been hired to attract doctors and nurses to the Island, supported by the First Nation communities.

## **9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS – continued**

### **City of Sault Ste Marie**

S. Hollingsworth shared that the City has purchased the old Sault Area Hospital buildings on the waterfront for \$4.75 million. Sandra noted that the City can only impose development conditions on this property if we sell it after owning it. She also shared that the City has applied for a heart hub, like their Resource Centre.

### **District of Nipissing**

T. Kelly shared that East Ferris welcomed a new Animal Wellness Centre recently. Terry, also one of FONOM's NWMO Municipal Advisory Committee members, was concerned about some of the misinformation in the Nugget recently. He recommended that we receive a briefing on the current process, including Transportation. Finally, he shared that the Municipality has just approved 30 new residential lots for development.

### **District of Temiskaming**

D. Whalen shared that he has been attending discussions in Matachewan regarding building homes in the area to attract those who will work in the new mine. Danny shared an example of how involuntary detention would have saved lives in his community. He also commented, 'What changes have we made in a society where there has not been a backlash?'.

### **City of Timmins**

J. Curley shared that no doctor exists at the City's east end. John noted that the train trestle in the downtown has been removed, and the roadway is now flat. He mentioned that local DSSAB has also applied for a Heart Hub, created a Homeless Hub, and they have purchased a hotel. Lastly, John shared that the City's legal department is working with other Municipalities regarding City and private land encampments.

### **District of Cochrane**

D. Plourde noted that NEOMA has only three meetings during this council term and shared that a new President has recently been selected. NEOMA and its members have been communicating with Minister Holland regarding wood waste. Dave commented that the other issues discussed at NEOMA were the Caribou Habitat, staffing and housing for the Agnico Eagle Mine, and Connecting Link Funding.

## **10.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Request to Amend the Code of Conduct and Complaint Protocol**

M. Signoretti shared with the Board the content of a resolution coming to the next Council meeting in Sudbury. The Board discussed the issues and challenges regarding the Code of Conduct and Complaint Protocols. Below are several items addressed by the Board

- Confirming the Identity of the individual and that it comes from a valid email address, which will help clarify who is behind the complaint
- Limit the number of complaints per household, during a term of Council (example five)
- During the election, transparency was raised as a concern among some councils. Anonymity in the Complaint Process is not Transparent

## 10.0 OTHER BUSINESS -continued

- The amount of time per complaint for staff resources
- The cost of the Integrity Commissions, the length of time a complaint takes to review, and quality of the final report
- The impact of penalizes imposed by a Council on a colleague, and how that effects the balance of the term

## 11:0 IN CAMERA

None

**12.0 NEXT MEETING**, Friday, December 6, 2024, in Blind River or the Call of the Chair.

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT** 4.58 pm

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF October 4th, 2024

It was **MOVED** by **T. Kelly** **SECONDED** by **D. Plourde** that the Minutes be accepted as presented on Friday, December 6th, 2024.

**MOTION CARRIED.**



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President Danny Whalen

## **President Report – Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

### Activities since August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10 Sept - FedNor - Growth Strategy

26 Sept - AMO Executive

26 Sept - AMO Committee of the Whole

27 Sept - AMO Board

Thank you to all Board members that attended and supported our delegations at the AMO conference in Ottawa. Feedback from our FONOM delegations and a few that I attended with other municipalities has been positive.

I attended a meeting with FedNor regarding the Prosperity and Growth Strategy for the North. This meeting targeted tourism and we had a good cross section of funders, associations and resort owners.

I was contacted by AMO staff regarding a request from the Billy Bishop Airport. The issue is not relevant to AMO but it is to Northern Ontario as many flights from the north use the Billy Bishop. Mac has since had a talk with BB staff.

I attended the AMO Executive, Committee of the Whole and Board meeting in Toronto.



# 8.1

		<b>List of Expenditures</b>			
		August 2nd, 2024 - September 21, 2024			
02-08-2024		Mac Bain - Statement	567	\$	3,444.98
02-08-2024		Clark Communications - Website Hosting	568	\$	1,193.28
15-08-2024		Matthew's Maple - Candies	569	\$	150.00
14-08-2024		Sandra Minor - Butter Tarts -	570	\$	495.00
14-08-2024		Deb Bain - Hospitality Suite	571	\$	1,500.00
21-08-2024		Susan Whalen - Hospitality Suite	572	\$	400.00
21-08-2024		Dave Plourde - August Board	573	\$	1,604.64
21-08-2024		Al MacNevin Board and Beer	574	\$	1,432.39
22-08-2024		NE Manitoulin & the Island	575	\$	283.57
24-08-2024		Lynda Carleton - August Board	576	\$	200.00
22-08-2024		Void	577	\$	-
23-08-2024		Mac Bain - Hospitality Suite	578	\$	9,285.47
23-08-2024		John Curley - August Board	579	\$	1,369.62
30-08-2024		Mac Bain - Statement 58	580	\$	3,911.39
30-08-2024		Service Charges		\$	20.50
03-09-2024		Maggie Horsfield - August Board	581	\$	690.60
06-09-2024		Danny Whalen - July/Aug -Virtual & AMO Conference	582	\$	5,091.85
07-09-2024		Sault Ste Marie - S. Hollingsworth Room & Dinner AMO	583	\$	453.64

# 8.2

		FONOM		
		Financial Summary		
		April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025		
		as of September 22, 2024		
		<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>Variance</u></b>
	<b>Revenue</b>			
	Membership	32,555.00	33,169.05	(614.05)
	AMO Reimbursements	4,000.00	6,474.08	(2,474.08)
	NOHFC	45,000.00	27,895.40	17,104.60
	Northern Suite at AMO	7,500.00	10,000.00	(2,500.00)
	Investment Interest + Misc	-	-	-
	Conference	30,000.00	50,154.10	(20,154.10)
	Donations	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
	FedNor - Promote the North		-	-
		124,055.00	127,692.63	(3,637.63)
	Service Fees	225.00	100.00	125.00
	Board Meetings	42,000.00	17,347.52	24,652.48
	Amo Board Meeting & Mou	16,500.00	9,402.54	7,097.46
	Provincial Committee Meetings	11,000.00	10,868.39	131.61
	Advertising - Clark Communications	4,571.00	1,193.28	3,377.72
	Insurance	700.00	-	700.00
	General & Admin	9,300.00	3,811.00	5,489.00
	Audit And Legal Fees	6,000.00	-	6,000.00
	Staff Wages	34,000.00	15,600.00	18,400.00
	Staff Travel	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
	Executive Honorarium	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
	Northern Hospitality Amo	9,500.00	12,873.94	(3,373.94)
	Conference Expense	14,000.00	104,658.95	(90,658.95)
	GoNorth Campaign	50,000.00	8,475.00	41,525.00
	Catch n Release	10,000.00	-	10,000.00
	Other	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-
		214,296.00	184,330.62	29,965.38
		(90,241.00)	(56,637.99)	(33,603.01)