

**FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES**

**MINUTES**

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

**Present**

**D. Whalen, President**

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

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

**A. MacNevin, Director**

**J. Curley, Director**

**M. Horsfield, Director**

**S. Hollingsworth, Director**

**ZOOM**

**L. Carleton, Director**

**M. Signoretti**

**Regrets**

**P. Lefebvre, Director**

**R. Carriere, Director**

**T. Kelly, Director**

**Staff**

**M. Bain, Executive Director**

## **FONOM Board Meeting**

Sunday, January 19, 2025

**President D. Whalen welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.**

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

Danny shared a Land Acknowledgment. He noted that we are getting considerable recognition for our work on behalf of the membership. Also, provided a written report of his activities since December. **(Page 7)**

**L. Watson** moved, **SECONDED** by **J. Curley**, that the President's Report be received  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**M. Horsfield** moved, **SECONDED** by **J. Curley**, that the Agenda be approved as amended.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **3.0 Timed Delegations – No Delegations**

### **4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE December 3, 2024, BOARD MEETING**

**A. MacNevin** moved, **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton**, that the Minutes be accepted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5.1 M. Bain shared with the Board a briefing on the Child Welfare Resolution they had sent to the membership

5.2 M. Bain updated the Board on their approval of Annual Funding from the Ministry of Northern Development. A letter of thanks will be sent to the Minister after the election.

### **6.0 NEW BUSINESS**

- 6.1 Resolution Received – Ontario Northland Transportation Bus expansion  
Municipality of Wawa

**L. Watson** moved, **SECONDED** by **S. Hollingsworth**, that a letter of support be sent following the election.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

- 6.2 Resolution Received – Proposed legislation making amendments to the Trespass to Property Act in the Safer Municipalities Act 2024 and introducing the Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act 2024  
City of Timmins

**S. Hollingsworth**, moved, **SECONDED** by **J. Curley**, that a letter of support be sent following the election.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

## 6.0 NEW BUSINESS - continued

- 6.3 Resolution Received – More Homes Built Faster Act  
Town of Kearney
- 6.4 Resolution Received – Child Welfare Sustainability  
Municipality of Mattawan and 6 other Municipality
- 6.5 Resolution Received – Expanding Recycling to the ICI sector  
City of North Bay

**M. Horsfield** moved, **SECONDED** by **D. Whalen**, that a letter of support be sent following the election. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## 7.0 CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

**L. Watson** moved and was seconded by **D. Plourde** that all the correspondence items were received for information purposes.

- 7.1 Letter Sent – Congratulations to NWMO on Site Selection
- 7.2 Resolutions Received – Improvements to catch and release
- 7.3 Resolutions Received – Sustainable Funding OPP
- 7.4 Resolution Received – Hope Air
- 7.5 Letter Received – Ontario Forest Industries Association's
- 7.6 Resolution Received – Resume Assessment Cycle
- 7.7 Resolution Received – Removal of MPP Michael Mantha
- 7.8 Resolution Received – Concern with Build More Home Regulations
- 7.9 Email Sent – Highway Safety

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## 8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 8.1 **D. Plourde** moved, seconded by **M. Horsfield**, that the Board receive the list of Expenditures (*Attached Page 8*) for December 2024 and January 2025

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- 8.2 **J. Curley** moved, seconded by **S. Hollingsworth**, that the Board receive the Financial Report (*Attached Page 9*) ending January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- 8.3 M. Bain discussed the FedNor and MND grants with the Board and noted that 25 people have registered for the SNOED Program, and we are waiting for a cheque for the GoNorth videos

- 8.4 M. Bain circulated a proposed FONOM Budget for 2025-2026 (*Attached Page 10*) to the Board. The different projects and events were discussed.

**A. MacNevin** moved, seconded by **S. Hollingsworth**, that the 2025-2026 FONOM Budget be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## 8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS - continues

- 8.5 M. Bain shared an update on the agenda for the FONOM Conference. The city team has been busy organizing the speakers. The Board also approved moving the AGM to Monday, May 5th, at 11 a.m. The Resolutions to be presented at the AGM were discussed.
- 8.6 M. Bain shared with the Board the challenges in creating a Conference Reserve. A recommendation was made to create that reserve with AMO's ONE Investment (total Reserve balance of \$58,000), with an initial Deposit of \$30,000. It was noted that a resolution would be required to develop a Reserve and for any withdrawals from it. A discussion followed about the history of FONOM's banking choices over the past decade. Board members discussed the different opinions available to them for Day-to-Day banking and investing.

**L. Watson** moved, seconded by **D. Plourde**, that the FONOM Conference Reserve be established with AMO's One Investment, which includes an initial investment of \$30,000.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## 9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS

### District of Parry Sound

L. Carleton shared that there has been no update since December.

### District of Manitoulin

MacNevin shared that, like everybody, they're struggling with doctor recruitment, et cetera. Our hospital can apply for several pockets of money for programs, but it doesn't seem very clear. They want to attract nurses and nurse practitioners to work in Emerge to reduce the load on our doctors in the emergency department. They have tried to hire a nurse and had five applications, but several of the requests the applicant discussed were a home on the water.

### City of North Bay

M. Horsfield shares the city's centennial celebration activities in North Bay. Maggie also noted that the city has passed its water budget, which included a shift to add conservation. She expressed concerns about the public health unit's funding, which remains stagnant at 1%, and the implications for community health services. Additionally, she noted the high number of individuals experiencing homelessness and the need for better investments in youth services. The City Budget is presently sitting close to 12%, and we will start in March with a target between 3-4%. Maggie also spoke about the community survey the city did this past summer. It was the first time we did kind of a community survey in North Bay, and we had 2,000 people respond, which was pretty good compared to some other municipalities she'd been looking at.

## **9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS - continued**

### **City of Timmins**

J. Curley noted that the Health Unit merger between Cochrane and Temiskaming is complete, effective January 1, 2025. He commented that the city was unsuccessful in getting a HART Hub in the first round of announcements, sharing there are lots of homeless citizens, some still in tents. John shared there is an increase in vandalism within the city and break-ins as well. Lasting the city is experiencing a family doctor shortage, and recruitment is a challenge.

### **City of Sudbury**

M. Signoretti shared that a lot of things are happening in Sudbury, but it's probably the same as last time. However, we are progressing with our event centre. He mentioned they will receive another update on a location in the South District, specifically in the downtown core. Another building in the downtown core should also be coming down, likely at the end of January or early February. We are still advancing with our cultural hub as well. Mark stated that Tom Davies Square, where our municipal facilities will move to the provincial side, will house the art gallery, library, and multicultural centre. The other positive news is that we received significant funding from the provincial government for our water system in the Lively and Walden areas. They gave us a substantial cheque, nearly \$25 or \$30 million. Additionally, they will open up another area for approximately 3,000 homes in our community, which is very much needed.

### **District of Algoma**

L. Watson noted that many communities in Algoma are concerned with the 10% levy increase from the Health Unit, noting that the septic site inspections are up 1000%. He mentioned that a few councils are experiencing Integrity Commission Complaints. Lynn also shared his frustration with the current policy surrounding end-of-life for Fire Trucks. Very well-maintained vehicles and in perfect working order have to be replaced. He noted as well the promise made a long time ago for better Broadband between SSM and Sudbury has still not been fulfilled.

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

S. Hollingsworth shared that June 6<sup>th</sup> is Hope Air day, with pilots flying from SSM to ore bayshe is advocating for the inclusion of physician assistants in the healthcare system, noting their advanced skills in diagnostics and testing compared to nurse practitioners. She shared insights about Jamie Armstrong, a physician assistant with extensive experience, and potential changes in billing processes that could facilitate their recruitment. Sandra also pointed out the political dynamics affecting the acceptance of physician assistants in the healthcare landscape.

### **District of Temiskaming**

D. Whalen also referenced the completion of the Health Unit merger with Timmins, and he thanked all for their efforts. Danny shared his frustration with the current bail system, noting the accused in an intimate partner violence attack and a driver involved in a Road Rage incident are released into the community. He has been spending time with communities with new mines on the horizon and working with them on new homes. Danny also wondered if the way Hospitals are staffed and the ratios of doctors/nurses/patients are correct.

## 9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS - continued

### District of Cochrane

D. Plourde shared his history and frustration over the last 30 years with Health Care recruitment in Kapuskasing and the District. The town has done well but noted that some of the others in the district need more support. He said that incentives for health professionals have been helpful, but doctors and nurses also need support in a team atmosphere. The exciting news is the decommissioned Adrian Mine site, due to a new process, is in the process of reopening. This brings employment to the area, which is needed due to pressure within the forestry sector.

### District of Sudbury

No Report Available

### District of Nipissing

No Report Available

## 10.0 OTHER BUSINESS

Lynn Watson and Sandra Hollingsworth discussed the value WoundPedia's work can have on many citizens in the Northeast. After a discussion, the Board asked if Mac could chat with Dr. Sibbald about presenting at the next Board meeting.

## 11:0 IN CAMERA

**S. Hollingsworth** moved, seconded by **J. Curley**, that the Board move in Camera

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Following a discussion, **J. Curley** moved, seconded by **D. Plourde**, that the Board move out of camera.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**12.0 NEXT MEETING**, Friday, March 28th, 2025, in Blind River or the Call of the Chair.

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT** 4:46 pm.

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**A. MacNevin** moved, seconded by **M. Horsfield** that the Minutes be accepted as presented on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**MOTION CARRIED.**



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President Danny Whalen

## **President's Report for January 19, 2025**

December 03 - NWMO Zoom meeting

December 05 - AMO - MOU

December 06 - FONOM Board meeting

December 11 - MNR - MOU Wildfire meeting

December 12 - AMO Executive meeting

January 08 - FONOM Conference Planning Meeting

January 15 - Young Davidson Mines Labour meeting

January 17 - OFIA Minister Lecce Delegation planning

While December was a quieter month for meetings, there were still a great many phone calls, both from the media regarding provincial announcements and from ministry staff regarding ongoing or upcoming policy issues.

It's back to business in January with many calls and invitations to sit in on meetings.

I will be attending a meeting with the mine site manager for the Young Davidson mine in Matachewan. The manager, Ryan Clarke, strongly supports bringing the workforce closer to the mine sites.

I will participate in a delegation with the Minister of Energy, Minister Lecce, during the ROMA conference. We will discuss BioMass, Forest Roads, and Lumber Tariffs.

## 8.1

		<b>List of Expenditures</b>			
		December 1, 2024 - January 7, 2025			
2024-11-30	Service Charges			\$	13.00
2024-12-01	Danny Whalen - November Meeting, Includes AMO	603		\$	3,808.38
2024-12-06	Dave Plourde - December Board Meeting	604		\$	200.00
2024-12-06	Lynda Carleton - December Board Meeting	605		\$	200.00
2024-12-06	John Curley - December Board Meeting	606		\$	200.00
2024-12-06	Renée Carrier - October & December Board Meeting	607		\$	400.00
2024-12-06	Al MacNevin - December Board Meeting	608		\$	200.00
2024-12-06	Maggie Horsfield - December Board Meeting	609		\$	200.00
2024-12-06	Terry Kelly - December Board Meeting	610		\$	200.00
2024-12-20	Mac Bain - Statement 62	611		\$	7,064.39
2024-12-22	Deb Bain - Rent for October, November & December	612		\$	900.00
2024-12-23	Danny Whalen - December meetings	613		\$	900.00
2024-12-25	Lynn Watson	614		\$	200.00
2025-12-31	Service Charges			\$	16.75
				\$	14,502.52



		FONOM			
		Financial Summary			
		April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025			
		as of January 7, 2025			
		<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>Variance</u></b>	
	<b>Revenue</b>				
	Membership	32,555.00	35,208.51	(2,653.51)	
	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	163,623.00	(133,623.00)	
	Donations	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	
	FedNor - Promote the North		-	-	
		124,055.00	243,200.99	(119,145.99)	
	Service Fees	225.00	421.17	(196.17)	
	Board Meetings	42,000.00	33,398.34	8,601.66	
	Amo Board Meeting & Mou	16,500.00	15,389.52	1,110.48	
	Provincial Committee Meetings	11,000.00	14,447.79	(3,447.79)	
	Advertising - Clark Communications	4,571.00	1,193.28	3,377.72	
	Insurance	700.00	-	700.00	
	General & Admin	9,300.00	9,017.03	282.97	
	Audit And Legal Fees	6,000.00	2,599.00	3,401.00	
	Staff Wages	34,000.00	26,000.00	8,000.00	
	Staff Travel	1,500.00	1,076.75	423.25	
	Executive Honorarium	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	
	Northern Hospitality Amo	9,500.00	13,317.88	(3,817.88)	
	Conference Expense	14,000.00	88,079.05	(74,079.05)	
	GoNorth Campaign	50,000.00	36,431.40	13,568.60	
	Catch n Release	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	
	Other	-	-	-	
	Other	-	-	-	
	Other	-	-	-	
		214,296.00	241,371.21	(27,075.21)	
		(90,241.00)	1,829.78	(92,070.78)	

	FONOM			
	Proposed Budget			
	April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026			
	Presented January 19, 2025			
	<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>2025-2026</b>
	Actuals	Budget	YTD	Proposed
<b>Revenue</b>				
Membership	32,965.68	32,555.00	35,208.51	\$ 35,000.00
AMO Reimbursements	5,483.45	4,000.00	6,474.08	\$ 6,500.00
NOHFC	56,026.87	45,000.00	27,895.40	\$ 50,000.00
Northern Suite at AMO	16,750.00	7,500.00	10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Investment Interest + Misc	1,728.42	-	-	
Conference	135,635.02	30,000.00	163,623.00	\$ 60,000.00
Donations	10,000.00	5,000.00	-	\$ 5,000.00
FedNor - GoNorth & SNOED	(14,179.00)		-	\$ 200,000.00
	-	-	-	-
	244,410.44	124,055.00	243,200.99	\$ 366,500.00
<b>Exepenses</b>				
Service Fees	228.00	225.00	421.17	\$ 275.00
Board Meetings	57,308.07	42,000.00	33,398.34	\$ 48,000.00
Amo Board Meeting & Mou	13,071.71	16,500.00	15,389.52	\$ 19,000.00
Provincial Committee Meetings	8,145.37	11,000.00	14,447.79	\$ 19,000.00
Advertising - Clark Communications	5,463.83	4,571.00	1,193.28	\$ 4,571.00
Insurance	-	700.00	0.00	\$ 1,100.00
General & Admin	12,607.23	9,300.00	9,017.03	\$ 18,500.00
Audit And Legal Fees	6,328.00	6,000.00	2,599.00	\$ 7,000.00
Staff Wages	33,800.00	34,000.00	26,000.00	\$ 38,000.00
Staff Travel	1,058.12	1,500.00	1,076.75	\$ 5,000.00
Executive Honorarium	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	\$ 5,000.00
Northern Hospitality Amo	11,252.80	9,500.00	13,317.88	\$ 14,000.00
Conference Expense	13,817.36	14,000.00	88,079.05	\$ 14,000.00
GoNorth Campaign & SNOED	48,839.42	50,000.00	36,431.40	\$ 65,000.00
Catch n Release	4,537.14	10,000.00	-	\$ 5,000.00
Other	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	221,457.05	214,296.00	241,371.21	\$ 263,446.00
	22,953.39	(90,241.00)	1,829.78	\$ 103,054.00
Note if GoNorth & SNOED is removed from Revenue and Expenses, year end variance is				<b>-31,946</b>