

**FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES**

**MINUTES**

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**ZOOM**

**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**

**T. Kelly, Director**

**M. Horsfield, Director**

**S. Hollingsworth, Director**

**Regrets**

**P. Lefebvre, Director**

**Staff**

**M. Bain, Executive Director**

## **FONOM Board Meeting**

Friday, December 6, 2024

**President D. Whalen welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.**

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

Danny shared a Land Acknowledgment. He noted that we are sad that the weather meant we had to pivot to ZOOM instead of enjoying Blind River hospitality. Also, provided a written report of his activities since October. **(Page 7)**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **3.0 Timed Delegations –**

The Board received a presentation from members of the Northeastern Ontario Family and Children's Services, Advocating for Financial Sustainability in Child Welfare. (**Cleo Charlebois**, ED, North Eastern Ontario Family and Children's Services, **Nancy Lafrance Rich**, ED, Children's Aid Society Nipissing and Parry Sound, and **Tracy Willoughby**, ED, Children's Aid Society of Algoma). They shared with the Board the current operational and funding challenges being faced by the Societies in the North. Explaining in detail the geographic uniqueness of challenges. A Resolution was circulated and the Board ask that it be circulated to the Membership for consideration.

### **4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 BOARD MEETING**

It was **MOVED** by **T. Kelly**, **SECONDED** by **D. Plourde**, that the Minutes be accepted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

5.1 M. Bain briefly reviewed with the Board's the process for selecting FONOM Conference Host Communities for 2026, 2026, and 2028. Mac shared his analysis of the different proposals and recommend the following

- Timmins, 2026
- Parry Sound, 2027
- Sault Ste Marie, 2028

**R. Carrier** moved, seconded by **L. Watson**, that the Board except the Host Community recommendation for the 2026,2027, and 2028 FONOM Conference.

## 5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - continues

5.2 M. Bain had previously shared with the Board the 2024 Conference Financials. He answered questions of the Board and discussed a resolution in January regarding the Conference Reserve Account.

## 6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Resolution Received – Amend the Code of Conduct and Complaint Protocol  
City of Greater Sudbury

6.2 Resolution Received – NORDS Shared resources  
Township of McGarry

6.3 Resolution Received – Support for OFIA 2025 Ontario Budget submission  
Town of Kapuskasing and 19 other Municipalities

6.4 Resolution Received – Combined ROMA and AMO Conference  
Municipality of East Ferris and 1 other Municipality

6.5 Resolution Received – Requesting the Province to establish regulations  
for ridesharing services  
Township of The Archipelago

6.6 Resolution Received – Ontario Bike Lanes  
City of Sault Ste Marie and 1 other Municipality

It was MOVED by **S. Hollingsworth** SECONDED by **A. MacNevin**, that

*Be it resolved that The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities write a letter to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria expressing FONOM's opposition to this proposed legislation*

**MOTION CARRIED.**

6.7 Resolution Received – OPP Costing  
Seguin Township and 4 other Municipalities

6.8 Resolution Received – Deposit Return Program to include non-alcoholic  
beverage containers  
Town of Parry Sound and 1 other Municipality

6.9 Resolution Received – Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare Proposed  
Multi-Site Regional Hospital  
Township of Ryerson and 2 other Municipalities

6.10 Resolution Received – Land Transfer Tax  
Municipality of Magnetawan and 1 other Municipality

6.11 Resolution Received – Ontario Rural Road Safety Program  
Municipality of Magnetawan and 1 other Municipality

6.12 Resolution Received – Public Health Funding Reform  
Municipality of Magnetawan and 1 other Municipality

6.13 Resolution Received – Public Health Funding Reform  
Township of McKellar

## 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 FedNor Payment for Conference
- 7.2 FONOM Media Release – October Board Meeting
- 7.3 Resolutions Received – Removal of Michael Mantha
- 7.4 Resolution Received – Support for Physicians Recruitment
- 7.5 Email Sent – OPP Highway Closures
- 7.6 Resolutions Received – Support Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program
- 7.7 Resolution Received – PPP funding for Northern Colleges
- 7.8 Resolution Received – Funding AORS Municipal Equipment Operator Course
- 7.9 Letter Sent – Hon. Sylvia Jones - Critical Shortage of Paramedics
- 7.10 Resolution – To Support Ontario’s Forest Industry in the 2025 Ontario Budget
- 7.11 Resolution Received – Hope Air - Ministry of Health Funding Support
- 7.12 Resolutions Received – Comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy
- 7.13 Information Received – Draft Highway Safety Bill
- 7.14 Resolution Received – Solve the Crisis
- 7.15 Letter Received – AMO Delegation Follow up
- 7.16 Resolutions Received – Assest Retirement Obligation
- 7.17 Resolution Received – Resignation of Michael Mantha M.P.P.
- 7.18 Resolution Received – AMO & OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign
- 7.19 Letter Received – Thank you
- 7.20 Release Received – Advocates for Stronger Social Supports and Economic  
Development for Northern Ontario
- 7.21 Letter Sent – Public Health Funding Reform
- 7.22 Resolution Received – MPAC Assessment Cycle
- 7.23 Letter Received – Outreach

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## 8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 8.1 **R. Carrier** moved, seconded by **M. Horsfield**, that the Board receive the list of Expenditures (*Attached Page 8*) for October & November, 2024

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- 8.2 **L. Watson** moved, seconded by **T. Kelly**, that the Board receive the Financial Report (*Attached Page 9*) ending December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- 8.3 M. Bain discussed the FedNor grants with the Board, and noted that nine people have registered for the SNOED Program
- 8.4 M. Bain circulated a revised meeting schedule for 2025, which the Board approved

## **8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS - continues**

- 8.5 M. Bain updated the Board on the 2025 conference planning in North Bay. The Board asked that Restaurants be called to let them know the conference is occurring, as many Restaurants last year were unprepared for the volume of delegates.
- 8.6 M. Bain informed the Board his work schedule has changed, his request, which he hopes will help with FONOM workload.
- 8.7 M. Bain shared with the Board the list of delegation request the Executive asked be submitted for Delegations at ROMA.  
*OPP/Property Crime, Hope Air, Asset Retirement Obligation, Support for OFIA, Integrity Commissioner/Code of Conduct.*

## **9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS**

### **District of Parry Sound**

L. Carleton shared that several communities are discussing Amalgamation, and Danny offered his assistance as he has lived through the process at Temiskaming Shores.

### **District of Manitoulin**

A. MacNevin shared that there are seeing a shortage of Veterinarians in the District that care for larger animals. It was noted that it is an issue in other areas as well. The Board asked the FONOM reach out to the OFA to see if there is advocacy we can do together. Al also shared an issue some municipalities within the district, relating to the new commercial vehicle standards.

### **City of North Bay**

M. Horsfield, in the interest of time no regional report was provided

### **District of Sudbury**

R. Carriere, in the interest of time no regional report was provided

### **City of Sudbury**

No Report Provided

### **District of Algoma**

L. Watson, in the interest of time no regional report was provided

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

S. Hollingsworth, in the interest of time no regional report was provided

### **District of Nipissing**

T. Kelly, in the interest of time no regional report was provided

### **District of Temiskaming**

D. Whalen, in the interest of time no regional report was provided

### **City of Timmins**

J. Curley, in the interest of time no regional report was provided

### **District of Cochrane**

D. Plourde, in the interest of time no regional report was provided

## 10.0 OTHER BUSINESS

- D. Plourde shared with the Board an issue that has concerned the Town of Kapuskasing. The town has two electric vehicle fast chargers, and while charging, the municipality becomes a 'high energy user,' being charged at a very high rate. Dave is concerned that this is an unintended consequence of the super chargers, and some municipalities may withdraw from the program.
- D. Whalen noted that NWMO has selected Ignace as the location for its deep geological repository. FONOM has several members on its municipal advisory committee and will continue to work with them on transportation.

## 11:0 IN CAMERA

**L. Watson** moved, seconded by **J. Curley** that the Board move in Camera

Following a discussion, **L. Watson** moved, seconded by **M. Horsfield**, that the Board move out of camera

None

**12.0 NEXT MEETING**, Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Toronto or the Call of the Chair.

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT** 11:43 am.

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

It was **MOVED** by **M. Horsfield** **SECONDED** by **J. Curley** that the Minutes be accepted as amend on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**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			
	2024-09-22	Deb Bain - Rent for July, August & September + \$75	584	\$	975.00
	2024-09-25	Mun. of East Ferris - Conference Delegate Refund	585	\$	452.00
	2024-09-27	Mac Bain - Statement	586	\$	2,588.77
	03-10-2024	Danny Whalen Sept Meeting & Oct Board	588	\$	3,710.70
	03-10-2024	Lynn Watson - October Board Meeting	589	\$	1,045.00
	03-10-2024	Mark Signoretti - October Board Meeting	590	\$	568.00
	03-10-2024	Lynda Carleton - October Board Meeting	591	\$	521.00
	03-10-2024	Al MacNevin - October Board Meeting	592	\$	768.20
	03-10-2024	John Curley - October Board Meeting	593	\$	902.81
	03-10-2024	Sandra Hollingsworth - August & October Board Meeting	594	\$	1,668.70
	03-10-2024	Maggie Horsfield - October Board Meeting	595	\$	400.00
	03-10-2024	Terry Kelly - October Board Meeting	596	\$	442.00
	03-10-2024	Dave Plourde - October Board Meeting	597	\$	1,200.60
	10-10-2024	Mac Bain - Board Meeting Expenses	598	\$	3,473.35
	29-10-2024	Mac Bain - Statement 60	599	\$	4,937.64
	31-10-2024	Danny Whalen - October meetings	600	\$	995.10
	01-11-2024	Service Charges		\$	26.75
	14-11-2024	New Cheques #601-1200		\$	244.17
	14-11-2024	Good Gauley Production - Twiggs	601	\$	27,956.40
	22-11-2024	Mac Bain - Statement 61	602	\$	6,112.94



FONOM			
Financial Summary			
April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025			
as of November 27, 2024			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<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	78,064.00	(48,064.00)
Donations	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
FedNor - Promote the North	-	-	-
	124,055.00	157,641.99	(33,586.99)
Service Fees	225.00	391.42	(166.42)
Board Meetings	42,000.00	29,923.68	12,076.32
Amo Board Meeting & Mou	16,500.00	12,411.24	4,088.76
Insurance	700.00	-	700.00
General & Admin	9,300.00	5,913.25	3,386.75
Audit And Legal Fees	6,000.00	2,599.00	3,401.00
Staff Wages	34,000.00	23,400.00	10,600.00
Staff Travel	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
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	88,059.85	(74,059.85)
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	226,868.69	(12,572.69)
	(90,241.00)	(69,226.70)	(21,014.30)