

**FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES**

**MINUTES**

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

**Present**

**D. Whalen, President**  
**D. Plourde, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**  
**L. Watson, 2nd Vice President**  
**A. MacNevin, Director**  
**M. Horsfield, Director**  
**L. Carleton, Director**  
**R. Carrier, Director**  
**S. Hollingsworth, Director**  
**T. Kelly, Director**

**Regrets**

**P. Lefebvre, Director**  
**L. Feldman, Director**  
**M. Signoretti**

**Staff**

**M. Bain, Executive Director**

## **FONOM Board Meeting**

Sunday, May 4, 2025

**President D. Whalen welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 2:33 pm**

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

Danny welcomed everyone to North Bay and thanked Lynda for the homemade pastries. He provided a written report of his activities since the March Board meeting (**Page 7**), touching on a few items. He also talked about several of the meetings he has upcoming.

**D. Plourde** moved, **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton**, that the President's Report be received

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**L. Watson** moved, **SECONDED** by **S. Hollingsworth**, that the Agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **3.0 Timed Delegations**

None

### **4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE March 28th, 2025, BOARD MEETING**

**A. MacNevin** moved, **SECONDED** by **R. Carrier**, that the Minutes be accepted as present.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

5.1 M. Bain provided a briefing to the Board on the process for the Annual General Meeting and gave background on each of the Resolutions to be presented.

5.2 M. Bain updated the Board on the great work of the City of North Bay Conference Committee, which has gone above and beyond. Mac presented an overview of the Conference and updated the members on their moderating roles. He also noted that the number of delegates was overprescribed, the tradeshow was sold out (plus a long waitlist), and the sponsorship was in good shape. Mac clarified questions from the members.

## 5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - continued

5.3 M. Bain provided a recommendation to the Board regarding the hardship of the multiple delegations during the AMO and ROMA Conferences. As noted in the report (Page \_); ***‘Due to the cost of the Conference Registrations and expenses, it is becoming more difficult for FONOM Board members to justify attending the multitude of FONOM Delegations to their Municipalities or Associations.***

Mac provided clarification to the Board that all members have input on the delegation topics and can attend the delegations if they wish. The Board was supportive of the recommendations

## 6.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 Resolution Received – Landlord-Tenant Reform  
Municipality of Magnetawan
- 6.2 Resolution Received – Opposition to expansion of Strong Mayor Powers  
Municipality of the French River
- 6.3 Letter Received – Premier Ford regarding MTO  
Township of St. Joseph    Township of Amour  
Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté

## 7.0 CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- 7.1 Acknowledgement Received – Gift for use of the auditorium
- 7.2 Letter Received – Public Health Unit Review
- 7.3 Resolution Received – Extended producer responsibility (EPR) in ICI sector
- 7.4 Resolution Received – Carbon Tax
- 7.5 Resolutions Received – Northern Highway Safety Plan
- 7.6 Resolution Received – Executive Award Nomination
- 7.7 Resolution Received – Resume the Assessment Cycle
- 7.8 Resolution Received – PLT in Unincorporated areas
- 7.9 Resolution Received – Tariffs
- 7.10 Resolution Received – Definition of an employer

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## 8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

8.1 **L. Watson** moved, seconded by **M. Horsfield**, that the Board receive the list of Expenditures (*Attached Page 8*) for March 2025 & April 2025

**MOTION CARRIED.**

8.2a **T. Kelly** moved, seconded by **L. Watson**, that the Board receive the Financial Report (*Attached Page 9*) ending March 31st, 2025

8.2b **R. Carrier** moved, seconded by **S. Hollingsworth**, that the Board receive the Financial Report (*Attached Page 10*) ending April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**MOTION CARRIED.**

8.3 M. Bain noted that membership fees are based on a community's population and that those numbers have not been updated in many years.

## 9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS

### District of Sudbury

R. Carrier shared that the Community of Markstay-Warren is actively exploring options for Attainable Housing. Renee also noted that many highly active organizations and groups operate throughout the SEMA region.

### District of Cochrane

D. Plourde shared ongoing concerns regarding the mill, and discussions are underway with the Premier. Several senior municipal staff members are also set to retire from the Town of Kapuskasing.

### District of Manitoulin

A. MacNevin shared that many communities on the island are discussing the Strong Mayor legislation, which is concerning to most.

### City of North Bay

M. Horsfield shared that the city staff are working on the cost pressures that tariffs will have on its capital projects.

### District of Temiskaming

D. Whalen shared that Temiskaming Shores is investing significantly in fire services by constructing a new firehall and a Regional Fire Training Centre. The training centre is expected to generate long-term cost savings for the municipality and neighbouring communities by reducing the need to send firefighters elsewhere for certification and ongoing training. These developments reflect a broader effort to enhance local emergency response capabilities while promoting regional collaboration and efficiency.

### City of Timmins

No Report Available

## 9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS - continued

### District of Nipissing

T. Kelly noted that their new medical clinic has recruited its fourth doctor. Also, there are many young professionals from the area looking for local fitness options.

### District of Parry Sound

L. Carleton noted that the famous Bear Chair business has been sold, which comes on the heels of the closure of the Highlander Brewery. Also, Lynda invited everyone to 'Bring your Mom to the Dump' festivities at the Macher Mall to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their Landfill.

### City of Sault Ste Marie

S. Hollingworth shared the good news that the Sault Ste Marie YMCA is back in the black and recruiting a new Chief Administrative Operator.

### District of Algoma

L. Watson noted that Danny attended the Algoma Municipal District Association in April. The well-attended meeting had three other invited speakers: the new Tribal Health Services, Algoma Mental Health and the Ontario Fire Marshall. The presentations were excellent and very timely, and encouraged considerable conversation.

### City of Sudbury

No Report Available

## 10.0 OTHER BUSINESS

11:0 IN CAMERA - none

12.0 NEXT MEETING, Sunday, May 4th, 2025, in North Bay or the Call of the Chair.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT 11:42 am.

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

A. MacNevin moved, **SECONDED** by S. Hollingsworth, that the Minutes be accepted as presented on Sunday, August 17th, 2025.

**MOTION CARRIED.**



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President Danny Whalen

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

### President's Report – April and May 2025

11 April - AMDA - Sault Ste. Marie travel

12 April - Algoma District Municipal Association meeting

17 April - AMO Executive meeting

22 April - NOMA Conference travel

23 April - NOMA Conference

24 April - NOMA Conference

25 April - OMA Conference travel

I have received a few calls and lots of verbal support for my letter to Premier Ford regarding the consideration of the Deputy or Associate Minister of Transportation responsible for the north.

I had the pleasure of attending the Algoma District Municipal Association meeting in Desbarats. I gave an update on FONOM activities.

I attended the annual Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association conference in Thunder Bay. The agenda was full and lengthy. I believe it is essential that we attend and support NOMA at their conference, as they often attend ours, and they also reciprocally support FONOM at our AMO meetings.

# 5.3

## Proposal for AMO and ROMA Conferences

May 4, 2025

Due to the cost of the Conference Registrations and expenses, it is becoming more difficult for FONOM Board members to justify attending the multitude of FONOM Delegations to their Municipalities or Associations. The following is a recommendation for the FONOM Board's approach and consideration.

- The January and August board meetings will continue to be held on the Sunday of the conferences (there are **time** and cost savings associated with the current practice). FONOM pays for travel expenses and one night of accommodation. After the board meeting, your municipality is responsible for the Board Members' expenses.
- The Minister delegates requested for the AMO Conference would be those selected at the FONOM AGM. At ROMA, the FONOM Board provides directions on emerging issues from the Membership and Board.
- FONOM will cover the conference expenses (including registration) for the FONOM Executive.
- The FONOM Executive will attend all Minister Delegations during the Conference. If a scheduling conflict arises between FONOM and the Executive's Municipality, FONOM anticipates that they will attend the FONOM Delegation.
- The FONOM Directors would also be welcome to attend the Minister's delegations, but they would have to make their own choice.

The financial impact on the annual Budget would be \$10,000 - \$12,000.

# 8.1

<b>List of Expenditures</b>			
March 1, 2025 - April 20, 2025			
2025-03-03	Canadore Alumni Foundation	640	\$ 6,500.00
2025-03-05	Mac Bain - Debate Reimbursement	641	\$ 2,726.74
2025-03-14	Mac Bain - Statement 65	642	\$ 3,504.96
2025-03-23	Deb Bain - Office Rent - Jan-March	643	\$ 1,200.00
2025-03-23	AMO - Insurance	644	\$ 452.00
2025-03-28	Danny Feb- March & Blind River	645	\$ 2,216.24
2025-03-28	Danny - AMO /Exe, COW, Board	646	\$ 2,912.99
2025-03-28	Danny - Annual President Honourarium	647	\$ 4,000.00
2025-03-28	Dave - Annual Vice-President Honourarium	648	\$ 1,000.00
2025-03-28	Dave Plourde - Blind River meeting	650	\$ 1,274.08
2025-03-28	Al MacNevin - Blind River meeting	652	\$ 616.00
2025-03-28	Lynda Carleton - - Blind River meeting	653	\$ 986.60
2025-03-28	Maggie Horsfield	654	\$ 885.48
2025-03-28	Lynn Watson - Blind River meeting	655	\$ 565.00
2025-03-28	Renée Carrier - Blind River meeting	656	\$ 739.84
2025-03-30	Mac Bain - Blind River Expenses	657	\$ 2,617.68
2025-04-03	Danny Whalen - Good Roads	649	\$ 5,253.22
2025-04-10	Statement 66 - Mac Bain	658	\$ 8,034.60
			\$ 45,485.43

# 8.2a

FONOM			
Financial Summary			
April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025			
as of March 31, 2025			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Membership	32,555.00	35,384.91	(2,829.91)
AMO Reimbursements	4,000.00	7,968.45	(3,968.45)
NOHFC	45,000.00	77,895.40	(32,895.40)
Northern Suite at AMO	7,500.00	15,750.00	(8,250.00)
Investment Interest + Misc	-	-	-
Conference	30,000.00	188,260.60	(158,260.60)
Donations	5,000.00	20.00	4,980.00
FedNor - Promote the North		-	-
	<u>124,055.00</u>	<u>325,279.36</u>	<u>(201,224.36)</u>
Service Fees	225.00	458.67	(233.67)
Board Meetings	42,000.00	51,323.46	(9,323.46)
Amo Board Meeting & Mou	16,500.00	18,602.51	(2,102.51)
			3.29)
			7.72
Insurance	700.00	452.00	248.00
General & Admin	9,300.00	11,168.45	(1,868.45)
Audit And Legal Fees	6,000.00	5,989.00	11.00
Staff Wages	34,000.00	35,320.00	(1,320.00)
Staff Travel	1,500.00	1,608.83	- 108.83
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	108,817.62	(94,817.62)
GoNorth Campaign	50,000.00	36,431.40	13,568.60
Catch n Release	10,000.00	-	10,000.00
SNOED Program	-	13,692.00	(13,692.00)
Other	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
	<u>214,296.00</u>	<u>324,403.39</u>	<u>(110,107.39)</u>
	<u>(90,241.00)</u>	<u>875.97</u>	<u>(91,116.97)</u>

8.2b

FONOM			
Financial Summary			
April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026			
as of April 24, 2025			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Membership	\$ 35,000.00	19,157.64	15,842.36
AMO Reimbursements	\$ 6,500.00	-	6,500.00
NOHFC	\$ 50,000.00	-	50,000.00
Northern Suite at AMO	\$ 10,000.00	-	10,000.00
Investment Interest + Misc		-	-
Conference	\$ 60,000.00	12,427.00	47,573.00
Donations	\$ 5,000.00	-	5,000.00
FedNor - GONorth & SNOED	\$ 200,000.00	30,902.00	169,098.00
	<u>366,500.00</u>	<u>62,486.64</u>	<u>304,013.36</u>
Service Fees	\$ 275.00	-	275.00
Board Meetings	\$ 48,000.00	-	48,000.00
Amo Board Meeting & Mou	\$ 19,000.00	-	19,000.00
Provincial Committee Meetings	\$ 19,000.00	5,428.76	13,571.24
Advertising - Clark Communications	\$ 4,571.00	-	4,571.00
Insurance	\$ 1,100.00	-	1,100.00
General & Admin	\$ 16,500.00	499.06	16,000.94
Audit And Legal Fees	\$ 7,000.00	-	7,000.00
Staff Wages	\$ 34,000.00	3,360.00	30,640.00
Staff Travel	\$ 5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Executive Honorarium	\$ 5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Northern Hospitality Amo	\$ 14,000.00	-	14,000.00
Conference Expense	\$ 14,000.00	-	14,000.00
GoNorth Campaign	\$ 35,000.00	4,000.00	31,000.00
Catch n Release	\$ 5,000.00	-	5,000.00
SNOED Program	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
	<u>227,446.00</u>	<u>13,287.82</u>	<u>214,158.18</u>
	<u>139,054.00</u>	<u>49,198.82</u>	<u>89,855.18</u>