

Memorandum to the Council of Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Subject: FONOM 2025 Attendee Designation

Memo No: 2025-M-038

Date: February 13, 2025

Attachment: None

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Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-038 as presented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Temagami approves the attendance of Mayor Dan O'Mara, Councillor Margaret Youngs, Councillor Carol Lowery, and CAO Laala Jahanshahloo at the 2025 FONOM Conference;

AND FURTHER THAT all necessary expenses related to registration, accommodations, and travel be authorized in accordance with the Municipality's policies and budgetary allocations.

Background

The Council passed Resolution 24-586, approving the attendance of three (3) members of Council and one (1) staff member at the 2025 FONOM Conference. However, the resolution did not specify the attendees. The conference, scheduled for May 5-7, 2025, in North Bay, Ontario, will bring together over 300 municipal leaders, provincial ministers, and industry experts to discuss key regional issues. Mayor Dan O'Mara, Councillor Margaret Youngs, Councillor Carol Lowery, and CAO Laala Jahanshahloo have expressed interest in attending. Their participation will ensure that Temagami is well-represented and can benefit from the networking and learning opportunities available.

Benefits to the Municipality

Attending the FONOM Conference provides several benefits to the Municipality of Temagami:

- **Policy and Advocacy** – Engage directly with provincial representatives on issues affecting Temagami, such as infrastructure, economic development, and environmental concerns.
- **Networking Opportunities** – Build and strengthen relationships with other municipalities, industry experts, and potential partners who can offer valuable insights and support for Temagami’s initiatives.
- **Learning and Development** – Participate in workshops and presentations on best practices, municipal innovations, and governance strategies that can be applied locally.
- **Strategic Planning** – Gain insights into upcoming legislative changes and funding opportunities that could impact municipal decision-making.

Given these advantages, it is recommended that Council approve the attendance of the identified members to ensure Temagami remains engaged in regional and provincial discussions.

Conclusion

Council needs to specify the attendees and confirm their availability. In cases where an approved attendee cannot attend, an alternate Council member shall be designated to ensure full municipal representation at the conference.