

FONOM

ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS

May 5th, 2025

FONOM CONFERENCE & ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

North Bay, Ontario

1. Approval of / Additions to Agenda

2. Introduction of Executive

3. President's Report

4. Approval of Minutes of Meeting Wednesday, May 8, 2024 – (Page 2)
(resolution required)

5. Financial Report – 2024 - 2025 (Page 4) - **(resolution required)**

Presentation of the 2025 - 2026 Operating Budget - (Page 5)

6. Resolutions

- Increase in Provincial share for **Mandated** Public Health Programs
- Policing costs for all communities
- Provincial/Municipal Fiscal Review
- EPR for the OCI Sector
- Integrity Commissioner Complaints

7. Adjourn

Minutes
Annual Conference hosted by the City of Greater Sudbury
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Resolution: That the agenda be approved as presented to the membership

R. Sigouin / S. White

CARRIED.

Introduction of FONOM Board of Directors

President's Report (Verbal)

Resolution: That the FONOM Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 2024 be accepted as presented. **(See Below)**

J. Curley / M. Signoretti

CARRIED.

Resolution: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting on May 10, 2023, be accepted as presented.

R. Carrier / J. Curley

CARRIED.

Resolution: That the FONOM 2024 -2025 Operating Budget be accepted as presented. **(See Below)**

R. Donaldson / P. Ivens

CARRIED.

The **Resolutions** regarding Aerodrome, Joint and Several – Definition of Employer, and Connecting Link were accepted with corrections.

Aerodrome

L. Carleton / B. Kerr

Joint and Several – Definition of Employer

M. Signoretti / E. Benoit

Connecting Link

R. Lapierre / S. Hollingsworth

CARRIED.

The **Resolutions** regarding Physician Recruitment and Nurses Recruitment were accepted as presented.

Physician Recruitment

M. Lahay / T. Lundy

Nurses Recruitment

S. Hagman / R. Sigouin

CARRIED.

Resolution: That the FONOM Annual General Meeting be adjourned at 8:57 am.

M. Signoretti / S. Hollingsworth

CARRIED.

FONOM Board of Directors

2025-2027

President Danny Whalen Councillor, Temiskaming Shores Representing the District of Temiskaming	First Vice President Dave Plourde Mayor, Town of Kapuskasing Representing the District of Cochrane
Second Vice President Lynn Watson Mayor, Township of Macdonald Meredith and Aberdeen Add'l Representing the District of Algoma	Past President VACANT
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Lynda Carleton Mayor, Township of Machar Representing the District of Parry	Renée Carrier Deputy Mayor, Municipality of French River Representing the District of Sudbury East
Sandra Hollingsworth Councillor, City of Sault Ste. Marie	Lorne Feldman Councillor, City of Timmins
Maggie Horsfield Deputy Mayor, City of North Bay	Paul Lefebvre Mayor, City of Greater Sudbury

Staff

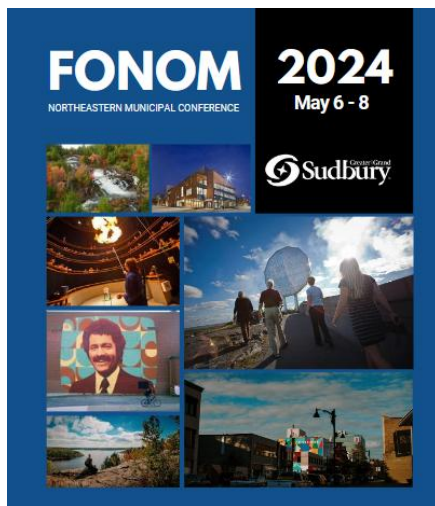
Mac Bain, Executive Director

FONOM
Financial Summary
April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Yearend</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenue			
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	-	20.00	(20.00)
Conference	30,000.00	188,260.60	(158,260.60)
Donations	5,000.00	-	-
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)
Provincial Committee Meetings	11,000.00	21,028.29	(10,028.29)
) Advertising - Clark Communications	4,571.00	1,193.28	3,377.72
Insurance	700.00	452.00	248.00
General & Admin	9,300.00	11,168.45	(3,307.23)
Audit And Legal Fees	6,000.00	5,989.00	(328.00)
Staff Wages	34,000.00	35,320.00	200.00
Staff Travel	1,500.00	1,608.83	441.88
Executive Honorarium	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Northern Hospitality Amo	9,500.00	13,317.88	(1,752.80)
Conference Expense	14,000.00	108,817.62	182.64
GoNorth Campaign	50,000.00	36,431.40	1,160.58
Catch n Release	10,000.00	-	5,462.86
SNOED Program	-	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>

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UNLOCKING THE NORTH'S POTENTIAL

Hosted by: the City of Greater Sudbury
Location: Holiday Inn and Conference Centre

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Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

2024 NORTHEASTERN MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

Thank you to our Conference Sponsors

PLATINUM

- Ontario Power Generation (OPG)
- Hydro One
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
- Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO)
- Intact Public Entities
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- FedNor
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GOLD

- Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)

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- City of North Bay

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- LAS
- Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)

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Unlocking the North's Potential

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Monday, May 6, 2024

Time	Activity	Location
11:00 a.m.	Conference Registration Opens & Trade Show Begins	Georgian Lobby
11:45 a.m.	Lunch Sponsor: Intact Public Entities	Solarium Georgian A
12:30 p.m.	Official Opening Welcome: Danny Whalen, FONOM President Welcome: Paul Lefebvre, Mayor, City of Greater Sudbury Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Housing	Georgian D & E
12:45 p.m.	Robin Jones, ROMA President	Georgian D & E
1:05 p.m.	Keynote Presentation Alan Carter, Global News Anchor Massaging the Message Sponsor: FedNor	Georgian D & E
2:00 p.m.	Refreshment Break Sponsor: LAS	Georgian A & B
2:20 p.m.	Keynote Speaker Northern Hydro Opportunities: Investing in a Clean Future Ahmed Al-Ali, Director, Business Development at OPG Paul Norris, President, Ontario Waterpower Association Moderator: Terry Kelly, FONOM Director	Georgian D & E
3:05 p.m.	Honourable George Pirie, Minister of Mining	Georgian D & E
3:20 p.m.	Honourable Stan Cho, Minister of Long-Term Care	Georgian D & E
3:35 p.m.	Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister Mental Health and Addictions Office	Georgian D & E

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Monday, May 6, 2024 cont'd

Time	Activity	Location
3:50 p.m.	Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources	Georgian D & E
4:10 p.m.	Honourable Vijay Thanigasalam, Assoc. Minister of Transportation	Georgian D & E
4:35 p.m.	Minister's Forum Moderator: Danny Whalen, FONOM President	Georgian D & E
5:05 p.m.	Welcome Reception at Dynamic Earth Head to the Buses	Lobby
5:10 p.m.	Welcome Reception at Dynamic Earth (Cash Bar) Sponsor: NWMO Buses Return to Holiday Inn at 6:45-7:30	Dynamic Earth
7:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own in Sudbury	

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Time	Activity	Location
7:30 a.m.	Full Breakfast Sponsor: Intact Public Entities	Solarium & Georgian A & B
8:30 a.m.	Unlocking the North's Potential Chad Evans, ONTC Chief Executive Officer Moderator: Lynda Carleton, FONOM Director	Georgian D & E
9:05 a.m.	NOMA Update Wendy Landry, President of NOMA Moderator: Lynn Watson, FONOM 2nd Vice President	Georgian D & E
9:20 a.m.	NWMO - An Overview of Used Fuel Transport Ulf Stalmer, Senior Transportation Engineer Moderator: Terry Kelly, FONOM Director	Georgian D & E

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Time	Activity	Location
10:00 a.m.	AMO Update Colin Best, AMO President Lindsay Jones, AMO Director of Policy Moderator: Maggie Horsefield, FONOM Director	Georgian D & E
10:30 a.m.	Refreshment Break Sponsor: MPAC	Georgian A & B
10:45 a.m.	Community Collaboration Greater Sudbury's Approach to Addressing Homelessness Gail Spencer, Manager of Housing Stability and Homelessness Cindy Junkala, Co-ordinator of Shelters and Homelessness Moderator: Paul Lefebvre, FONOM Director	Georgian D & E
11:15 a.m.	Natural Resources, Forestry and the Green Economy in Northern Ontario Marc Semé, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Energy & Natural Resources Moderator: Paul Lefebvre, FONOM Director	Georgian D & E
11:40 a.m.	Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario NDP Moderator: Lynn Watson, FONOM 2nd Vice President	Georgian D & E
Noon	Lunch Sponsor: Enbridge	Solarium Georgian A & B



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1:00 pm	Bonnie Crombie, Ontario Liberal Leader Moderator: Renée Carrier, FONOM Director	Georgian D & E
1:20 pm	Keynote Speaker Hydro One - Energizing Life for People and Communities Alexandra Moskaluk, Sr Manager, Community Relations Sanjiv (Sonny) Karunakaran, Vice President, Strategic Projects & Partnerships Moderator: Terry Kelly, FONOM Director	Georgian D & E
2:00 pm	NOSM, "Delivering on Our Mandate - and Beyond" Dr. Owen Prowse and Dr. Céline Larivière Moderator: Sandra Hollingsworth, FONOM Director	Georgian D & E
2:30 pm	Forestry Update Steve Street, Executive Director of WoodWorks Terry Skiffington, CEO of GreenFirst's Kap Paper Moderator: Dave Plourde, FONOM 1st Vice President	Georgian D & E
3:10 pm	Refreshment Break Sponsor: Intact	Solarium & Room
3:30 pm	MPAC: Sharing Property Insights and Meeting the Evolving Needs of Our Northern Partners Alan Spacek, Chair, Board of Directors Nicole McNeill, President and CAO Carmelo Lipsi, Vice-President, Valuation & Customer Relations and Chief Operating Officer Moderator: Lynda Carleton, FONOM Board Member	Georgian D & E
4:00 pm	Sudbury - Indigenous Fireside Chat Gemma Craig Nootchtai, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Chief Larry Roque, Wahnapitae First Nation Mayor Paul Lefebvre, Greater Sudbury Moderator: Renée Carrier, FONOM Director	Georgian D & E

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Tuesday, May 7, 2024 cont'd

Time	Activity	Location
4:40 p.m.	Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) - Update Denise Jamal , IESO Director of Stakeholder & Community Engagement Ahmed Maria , IESO Director of Transmission Planning Moderator: John Curley, FONOM Director	Georgian D & E
5:30 p.m.	Head to Buses - Transportation to Caruso Club	Lobby
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Pre Banquet Reception (Cash Bar) Jazz Instrumentalist Sponsor: City of North Bay	Caruso Club
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.	Annual FONOM Banquet at Caruso Club Presentation of Executive Award Moderator: Danny Whalen, FONOM President	Caruso Club
9:30 - 10 p.m.	Buses return to the Holiday Inn	Entrance
	Exhibitor Passport Prize Make sure to visit all of our exhibitors for a chance to win a Chilly Moose Cooler.	



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Exhibitors

Northern Ontario Workforce Planning
Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA)
Hobson Chahal Advisory Group
Acorn Information Solutions
CRCS Recreation
PSD Citywide
Ontario Clean Water Agency
TC Energy
Nuclear Waste Management Organization
Ontario Northland
MPAC
Intact Public Entities
Enbridge
PCL Constructors Northern Ontario Inc.
Nelson Granite
Woodworks Ontario
MIS Municipal Insurance Services
VC3
gfd.org
Edgeworx Solutions
Ontario Waterpower Association
MuniSoft
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS)
ONE Investment
AMO/LAS
Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services
Hydro One
AMO Education
Wattsworth Analysis Inc
TBT Engineering Limited
Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)
Pinchin Ltd.
Colliers Project Leaders
Destination Northern Ontario
Ontario Power Generation
Federation of Ontario Public Libraries
ParticipACTION
J.L. Richards & Associated Limited

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Wednesday May 8 2024

Time	Activity	Location
7:30 a.m.	Full Breakfast Sponsor: HydroOne	Solarium
8:30 a.m.	FONOM Annual General Meeting	Georgian D & E
9:00 a.m.	GoNORTH Video Premier - Funded by Moderator: Al MacNevin, FONOM Director	Georgian D & E
9:20 a.m.	"Delivering on Our Mandate - and Beyond" Dr. Owen Prowse , Vice-President, Clinical Partnerships and Hospital Relations Dr. Céline Larivière , Provost and Vice President Moderator: Sandra Hollingsworth, FONOM Director	Georgian D & E
10:00 a.m.	Highway Closures in Northern Ontario Superintendent Mike Maville Superintendent Todd Proulx Moderator: Dave Plourde, FONOM 1st Vice President	Georgian D & E
10:30 a.m.	Refreshment Break Sponsor: OPG	Solarium
10:45 a.m.	Immigration Pilot Revisited Meredith Armstrong , Greater Sudbury Economic Development Natasha Penn , North Bay Economic Development Donna Backer , North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce Moderator: Al MacNevin, FONOM Director	Georgian D & E
11:45 a.m.	Invite to North Bay 2025 FONOM Conference Host Mac Bain , Councillor	Georgian D & E
11:50 a.m.	Adjournment Danny Whalen , FONOM President	Georgian D & E
Noon	Boxed Lunch to Go Sponsor: IESO	Lobby

2024 NORTHEASTERN MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

To thank this year's presenters, the FONOM Board has made charitable contributions to the following organizations.

Raising the Roof and the Rotary Club of Sudbury

FONOM Executive

PRESIDENT Danny Whalen Deputy Mayor, City of Temiskaming Shores	FIRST VICE PRESIDENT David Plourde Mayor, Town of Kapuskasing
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT Lynn Watson Mayor, Township of McDonald Meredith & Aberdeen Additional	PAST PRESIDENT Vacant

Board of Directors

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Renée Carrier Deputy Mayor, Municipality of French River (Representing the District of Sudbury East)	Maggie Horsfield Deputy Mayor, City of North Bay (Representing the City of North Bay)
	Mark Signoretti (alternate) Councillor, City of Greater Sudbury (Representing the City of Greater Sudbury)

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is the unified voice of Northeastern Ontario, representing and advocating on behalf of 110 cities, towns and municipalities.

Our mission is to improve the economic and social quality of life for all northerners and to ensure the future of our youth.



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F0unding approach for Local Public health agencies

Whereas, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Ministry of Health are undertaking a review of the funding approach for local public health agencies; and

Whereas, many northern Medical Officers of Health and Health Units have supported resolutions asking to be included or consulted during the review; and

Whereas, seven of the Northern Medical Officers of Health signed a letter to Minister Sylvia Jones, titled ***Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review***, which shared some perspectives unique to the North regarding the current Public Health Funding review; and

Whereas, Municipalities have been long-standing financial partners in public health; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the membership of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities ask the Minister of Health that FONOM have an equal role in discussions concerning the funding review of the Public Health Mandated Programs; and

Further be it resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, the membership of FONOM, AMO, and the seven Northern Medical Officers of Health that signed the letter ***Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review***

Cost of Policing in the North

WHEREAS Northern Ontario municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets, including roads, bridges, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings, including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets

WHEREAS Northern Ontario municipalities' operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources

WHEREAS Northern Ontario municipalities are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone

WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract O.P.P. (5.1) locations

WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million

WHEREAS, before a one-time Provincial support transfer, Municipalities across Northern Ontario in 2024 received notices from the OPP with an average annual increase of 17.8%, representing 7.7% of the municipal tax levy

WHEREAS the estimated annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for Municipalities in the Northeast is \$43 million

Whereas the police levy in 2025 to the four large cities in Northeastern Ontario is \$174 million after grants

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities calls on the Ontario Government to commit to phasing in a \$100 million Policing Grant over the next three years for the 157 northern communities. After the third year, the fund will increase by the minimum of the annual Consumer Price. Each community should receive a base amount of \$60,000, with the remaining funds allocated based on population. *(Note: If the sum of the base amount and the population-based allocation exceeds the amounts received in 2024 notifications from the OPP, plus the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI), the funding for that community will be capped to avoid surplus situations.)*



AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, the Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy, the Membership of FONOM and NOMA and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Below is an example of the impact the funding would have on three of the 157 communities in Northern Ontario. The base year uses the 2025 OPP Billing Invoice or approved Budget. I estimated the CPI to be 3% in years two and three, compounded annually. The Cap amount in the example is a raw estimate, as many of those that did not respond to my OPP survey were smaller communities.

Year one - \$34 million

$$157 * \$60,000 = \$9,420,000$$

$$\$34,000,000 - \$9,420,000 = \$24,580,000$$

$$\$24,580,000 / 900,000 \text{ people} = \$27.31 \text{ per person}$$

Community of 1513 (cap \$284,949.50)

$$\$60,000 + (1513 * \$27.31) = \$101,320.03$$

Community of 8,057 people (cap \$2,561,265.98)

$$\$60,000 + (8,057 * \$27.31) = \$280,036.67$$

Community of 41,145 people (cap \$21,027,721.92)

$$\$60,000 + (41,145 * \$27.31) = \$1,183,669.95$$

Year two – \$67 Million

$$157 * \$60,000 = \$9,420,000$$

$$\$67,000,000 - \$9,420,000 + \$2,000,000 \text{ (estimated cap surplus)} = \$59,580,000 +$$

$$\$59,580,000 / 900,000 \text{ people} = \$66.20 \text{ per person}$$

Community of 1513 (cap \$293,497.98)

$$\$60,000 + (1513 * \$66.20) = \$160,160.60$$

Community of 8,057 people (cap \$2,638,103.95)

$$\$60,000 + (8,057 * \$66.20) = \$593,373.40$$

Community of 41,145 people (cap \$21,658,553.57)

$$\$60,000 + (41,145 * \$66.20) = \$2,783,799$$

Year three – \$100 Million

$$157 * \$60,000 = \$9,420,000$$

$$\$100,000,000 - \$9,420,000 + \$3,000,000 \text{ (estimated cap surplus)} = \$93,580,000$$

$$\$93,580,000 / 900,000 \text{ people} = \$103.97 \text{ per person}$$

Community of 1513 (cap \$302,302.91)

$$\$60,000 + (1513 * \$103.97) = \$217,306.61$$

Community of 8,057 people (cap \$2,717,247.06)

$$\$60,000 + (8,057 * \$103.97) = \$897,686.29$$

Community of 41,145 people (cap \$22,308,310.17)

$$\$60,000 + (41,145 * \$103.97) = \$4,337,845.65$$

Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Review

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities request the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario

FURTHER, THAT a copy of this motion be sent to Premier Ford, the Honourable Rob Flack the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca), the membership of FONOM, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Expand Extended Producer Responsibility to the ICI Sector

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only

WHEREAS producers are not responsible for collecting products and packaging sold to the industrial, commercial, and institutional sectors, which include the provincial government and our member municipalities

WHEREAS the products and packaging mentioned in the previous paragraph either end up in landfills or are recycled by the industrial, commercial, and institutional sectors, often at a cost

WHEREAS the landfill capacity in Ontario is nearing a critical point, and the process to site or create a landfill is both lengthy and costly

WHEREAS under the current Extended Producer Responsibility Regulation, a can of soda consumed at home and placed in the Blue Box is considered an "eligible" source, meaning producers are responsible for its recycling. However, if the same soda can is consumed by the same individual at Queen's Park, it is deemed "ineligible." In this case, the government is responsible for managing the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, as well as covering all associated costs

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources, including Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (ICI) properties

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the membership of FONOM and AMO.

Addition to the Ministry of Transportation

WHEREAS the topography and climate of Ontario, North and West of the Canadian Shield, is uniquely different from that of the balance of the Province

WHEREAS due to that topography, it is more costly to construct or maintain 100 km of Highway in Northern Ontario than the balance of the Province

WHEREAS the highway network in Northern Ontario is vital to connecting our citizens to health care, employment, groceries, and recreation

WHEREAS Highway 11, Highway 17, and Highway 69 are our 400 systems, and the municipal share of Connecting Link has become prohibitive for all communities

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has made and continues to make a significant investment in the Ontario Northland and bring back the Northlander

Every senior politician in Ontario and the balance of Canada noted the Raw Earth Elements deposits in the Ring of Fire. FONOM wants to note that the transportation of the Raw Earth Elements will travel through Northern Ontario

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization has selected the community of Ignace for the location of Canada's deep geological repository for spent nuclear fuel. Therefore, the fuel will be transported through Northern Ontario.

WHEREAS on November 10, 2022, the Province announced, 'Ontario Moving Ahead with First-Ever 2+1 Highway in North America'; on July 14, 2023, the Ministry of Transportation announced, 'Ontario Starting Work on 2+1 Highway', and during the recent campaign, Premier Ford announced his government would 'extend the 2+1 highway another 220 kilometres from Temiskaming Shores to Cochrane'

WHEREAS of May 2025, the Minister has not announced a start date for construction of the initial 2+1 Highway

WHEREAS the annual Ontario Road Safety Annual Report Selected Statistics does not provide a breakdown by region

WHEREAS the 2023 Ontario Road Safety Annual Report Selected Statistics reported that there were 1,504 large truck accidents in Ontario with 107 fatalities



WHEREAS large truck accidents occur daily in Northern Ontario, often resulting in death

WHEREAS accidents in Northern Ontario are the cause of many lengthy closures or detours using municipal infrastructure not designed for highway traffic

WHEREAS many FONOM members have commented that there is a lack of response to their concerns or inquiries from the Ministry and/or regional staff, which is concerning to the Board

THEREFORE, IT WAS RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities should ask the Premier to either appoint a Deputy Minister of Transportation for Northern Ontario or create an Associate Minister responsible for Northern Ontario Transportation. FONOM believes Northern Ontario will be the economic engine that drives Ontario and Canada for the next 100 years and that the Province needs a dedicated team focused on improving today's network while planning for and acting on future requirements

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED this resolution be sent to Premier Ford, the Minister of Transportation, the Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the Membership of FONOM, NOMA, ROMA, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario



April 2, 2025

Premier Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford,

On behalf of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and our 110 municipal members, I would like to congratulate you on unveiling your current cabinet.

We are pleased to see strong representation from Northern Ontario with the appointments of Ministers Fedeli, Rickford, Pirie, Holland, and Smith. We are confident that these Ministers will assist FONOM in fostering growth in the north. We are ready to collaborate with the entire cabinet to strengthen all sectors of our northern economy.

While we appreciate this progress, I must also express our concerns regarding the Ministry of Transportation's approach. I frequently engage with northern municipal representatives to gather feedback on their interactions with the Ministry. The overwhelming response from our members indicates that their concerns are often overlooked or addressed slowly.

This situation stems mainly from Ontario's vast geographical size and the extensive area the north represents. Factors such as weather conditions, traffic patterns, inattentive drivers, regional differences in highway maintenance, and the lack of accountability in commercial motor vehicle driver training contribute to the public's ongoing fears when using our highways.

It is essential to recognize that transportation responsibilities in southern and northern Ontario involve vastly different approaches and planning.

Therefore, with the utmost respect for the current structure of the Ministry of Transportation, we propose an alternative solution: the creation of a **Deputy Minister** or **Associate Minister of Transportation** specifically responsible for **Northern Ontario**. This change could enhance the effectiveness of the current duties.

We are eager to work with you and your government to explore ways to reduce the high rates of fatalities and accidents on our highways.

We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this approach further. We are willing to accommodate your schedule and travel arrangements for these discussions.

Thank you for allowing FONOM to share our thoughts, concerns, and ideas.

Yours,