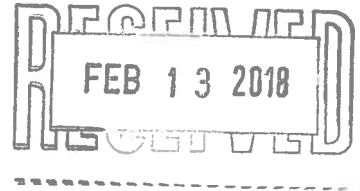


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Good afternoon,

Please find attached FONOM's Winter Newsletter for your reading pleasure.

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FONOM Membership Fees – 2018-2019 membership invoices were sent out in December for the upcoming fiscal year. Thank you to those that have already paid their membership fees. The deadline to ensure your municipality remains in good standings is March 31, 2018. We appreciate the continued support of our membership!

ROMA Conference – The FONOM Board attended the 2018 ROMA Conference in Toronto and held meetings with the Premier and members of her Cabinet including; Hon. Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Hon. Glenn Thibeault, Minister of Energy; Hon. Kathryn McGarry, Minister of Transportation; Hon. Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines; Sue Wong, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services; and Joe Dickson, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry. The FONOM Board also met with the NDP and PC Caucuses.

A number of issues were addressed including railway rights-of-way property taxation, opposition to the fire-medical proposal, concerns over the regionalization of public health units and high electricity costs for municipalities, among other issues. FONOM will continue to hold the parties on any commitments that were made.

FONOM/MMA Northeastern Municipal Conference – Planning is underway for the upcoming annual conference taking place May 9, 10 and 11 in partnership with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the host community of Parry Sound. The theme of this year's conference is *Leading the Way Through Innovation* and the keynote speaker is Ken Coates, a leading thinker on Canada's future and Canada's Research Chair in Regional Innovation. Registration for delegates, exhibitors and sponsors is now open. Please visit www.parrysound.ca/fonom-mma to register and for further information.



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Meeting of the Board of Directors' held December 12, 2017 – The FONOM Board of Directors' discussed a number of ongoing activities and issues.

- Exemptions made under Bill 148, Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act for municipalities was highlighted. This included equal pay provisions for firefighters, outlined in section 9.1 of O. Reg. 285/01.
- A motion was supported requesting amendments be made to the Long-Term Care Homes Act that would enable each District Home to raise a mortgage should the Board of Management determine it would be in the best interest of the District Home.
- Passed a motion to remove the requirement of candidates running for municipal office to obtain the signatures of 25 voters in municipalities with less than 4,000 electors as outlined in O. Reg. 101/97. While FONOM appreciated the changes to recognize the challenges in small communities, we believe the requirement should be removed altogether.
- Supported a motion on Zero-Tolerance Against Racism.

Meeting of the Board of Directors' held on January 12, 2018 – The FONOM Board of Directors' January meeting focused on upcoming events and priorities that FONOM will be addressing in the coming year.

- The Board passed a motion to support the Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDCs) request for enhanced funding.
- The Board discussed the upcoming 2018 Budget Consultations submission and presentation to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.
- The Board also discussed the upcoming provincial election. FONOM has sent a letter to the three main political parties requesting their platforms for Northern Ontario. To date, FONOM has yet to receive a response from the Liberal Party and the New Democratic Party.

2018 Ontario Budget Consultations – FONOM President, Mayor Al Spacek, presented to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs and addressed a number of issues such as, the need to address the infrastructure deficit by increasing the HST by 1% that would be dedicated to municipal infrastructure. Bill 175, Safer Ontario Act was raised and FONOM highlighted that not enough action was taken in the legislation to reduce rising costs of policing as well as concerns with the implementation of several new requirements such as mandatory Community Safety and Well Being plans. FONOM also requested the appropriate resources to address the legalization of cannabis, addressed



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high electricity costs to operate municipal facilities, and cost implications of a fire-medical model, among others.

Endangered Species Act – FONOM along with our partners continue to make efforts with the government on Endangered Species legislation. The government has committed to ensuring that a stakeholder panel will be developed to carefully review policy and legislation to ensure it works for all involved. FONOM will continue to monitor and keep our membership up to date.

Next FONOM Board Meeting -The next meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on March 16, 2018.