

Appointment to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

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Report Summary

This report sets out the procedure for the appointment of Members of Council to be the City's representative(s) on the Board of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) for the term ending November 14, 2026.

Resolution

That the City of Greater Sudbury appoints Mayor Paul Lefebvre to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities Board of Directors;

AND THAT Councillor _____ be appointed as an alternate Member in the event the appointed Member of Council is unable to attend a Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities board meeting, as outlined in the report entitled "Appointment to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities" presented by the Chief Administrative Officer at the City Council meeting on January 24, 2023.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan, Health Impact Assessment and Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP)

This report refers to operational matters and has no direct connection to the Community Energy & Emissions Plan.

Financial Implications

The City of Greater Sudbury would be covering any costs associated with the Member of Council attending the Board of Directors' meetings through the Council Travel Account.

It is estimated that the cost of travel associated with participation on the FONOM Board would be approximately \$2,000 - \$2,500 annually.

The 2022 budget allocation for the Council Travel Account is \$16,100.

Background

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

FONOM is a membership-based association that draws its members from the districts of northeastern Ontario including: Algoma, Cochrane, Manitoulin, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Sudbury and Timiskaming.

The Constitution of FONOM allows for a representative from the City of Greater Sudbury to sit on the Board of Directors. An alternate can also be identified as part of the appointment process. As the current Board appointment expired on November 30th, 2022, the City of Greater Sudbury has been requested to appoint a Member of Council, as well as an alternate if it so wishes, for the term ending November 14th, 2026. Attached is the letter received from FONOM dated November 7th, 2022.

Selection

The selection of these positions is to be conducted in accordance with the City of Greater Sudbury's Procedure By-law. Council's procedure requires that in the event more candidates are nominated for the required position(s), those position(s) will be chosen by a simultaneous recorded vote. Requests for simultaneous recorded votes are conducted by way of electronic vote however the electronic vote system does not have the required functionality for dealing with appointments. Accordingly, the By-law provides that paper ballots are to be used if all members are attending in person. In the event that some members are participating virtually then the By-law provides that voting will be conducted by way of recorded vote.

Once the candidates have been selected for the positions, a resolution will be introduced confirming the appointment of the successful candidate(s).

It is always in order for a Member of Council to nominate and vote for themselves.

Resources Cited

City of Greater Sudbury Procedure By-law 2019-50: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/city-hall/by-laws/>