



**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

3. PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

4. CORRESPONDENCE

**DR. S. F. MONESTIME MUNICIPAL
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September 1, 2023

RE: Resignation

Mayor and council members,

It has been my honour and privilege to serve the Corporation of The Town of Mattawa, the citizens, and ratepayers of this community and to honour the firefighters that came before me for 31 years as Fireman, Captain, and training officer within this Fire Department.

I am proud to have contributed to the many accomplishments of this department, and its members, including contributions to various support agencies in our community and surrounding area.

Please accept this letter as my official resignation **effective October 1st, 2023.**

Sincerely,



Captain Fern Levesque

cc. Paul Lafrenière- Interim Fire Chief

Info

From: FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com> *reg agenda*
Sent: September 10, 2023 4:43 PM
Subject: Support for Northern School of Medicine - Resolution & Mayor letter for consideration
Attachments: NOSM Resolution for Municipality.pdf; NOSM - Draft Letter for Mayor's.pdf; NOSM Resolution - Email list.pdf

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Good morning **Please share with your Council and Mayor**

I have attached PDF versions of the Resolution and Mayor letter; FONOM would ask for your Council to support and Mayor to add their signature to.

Please get in touch with me if you require a Word version of the Resolution or Letter.

Also attached separately are the email addresses of those included in the Resolution

Talk soon, Mac.

Mac Bain
Executive Director
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
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WHEREAS the _____ name of Municipality _____ recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians

WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate

WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario

WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities

WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University's medical programs

AND WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ name of Municipality _____ strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario.

September _____, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Room 28, Queen's Park
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Sent Via Email: Premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

In 2002 the Conservative Government created the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) to address the health needs of the region, improve access to quality care, and contribute to the economic development of Northern Ontario. On April 1, 2022, we celebrated as your Government proclaimed NOSM a standalone university, becoming Canada's only independent Medical University.

NOSM University is one of the greatest successes in Canada as it relates to addressing health workforce supply, with over 50% of graduates choosing family medicine as a career and over 90% of combined MD and postgraduate learners staying in Northern Ontario. Today, over 400,000 northerners receive primary and acute care from a NOSM University-trained doctor. Furthermore, many specialists have been created by NOSM University, providing care closer to home and reducing the need for patients to travel south to decrease the cost of the Northern Health Travel Grant.

We attribute much of this success to a "distributed community engaged learning" model that places its learners in 90 communities (135 organizations) across Northern Ontario throughout the academic year. NOSM University's economic impact in our region is immeasurable, but the institution is in jeopardy.

Northern Ontario remains in a healthcare crisis. More than 350 physicians are currently needed to fill shortages, which does not account for anticipated retirements. Areas of the North that are still in dire need of healthcare services are rural, remote, and Indigenous communities. NOSM University is the only Northern solution to meeting our physician workforce needs.

We are grateful for your Government's decision to increase medical school spaces at NOSM University. Still, the momentum gained in addressing the health inequities in the North will be considerably impacted by the lack of financial sustainability for this newly created University.

While the creation of NOSM University gives it the autonomy to yield tremendous success in Northern physician recruitment and retention, the costs associated with

becoming a university, undertaking an unprecedented expansion, and continuing to offer world-class community-based education are significant. The University's current base funding rates have not been increased sufficiently, and cost reductions are no longer attainable or feasible.

As such, we respectfully support NOSM University's request to the Province of Ontario for a permanent increase in annual base funding of \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government established initially in response to the needs of Northern municipalities.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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His Worship Raymond A. Bélanger
Mayor
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Dear Mr. Mayor:

Thank you for your correspondence of July 26, 2023, addressed to the Honourable Sean Fraser, former Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, regarding the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) Program. I have been asked to respond to your concerns.

The Department appreciates your letter of support for the RNIP Program. Canada is committed to attracting the best talent from around the world to fill skill shortages and drive local economies in rural Canada, for the benefit of all Canadians.

Using a community-based, economic development approach, the RNIP Pilot supports 11 smaller and more remote communities in accessing the economic and demographic benefits of immigration.

In August 2022, Minister Fraser announced amendments to the Pilot. These include allowing communities to participate for a longer period of time, expanding the geographic boundaries of seven participating communities and reducing the amount of settlement funds participants are required to have. These changes will ensure the Pilot continues to support participating communities to fill their labour shortages. I encourage you to keep checking the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Website at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/rural-northern-immigration-pilot.html>, for any future changes to the RNIP Program.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

S. Charbonneau
Ministerial Enquiries Division

Amy Leclerc

From: ROMA Communications <romacommunicate@roma.on.ca>
Sent: September 19, 2023 8:01 AM
To: Amy Leclerc
Subject: ROMA Board - August Highlights

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UPDATE

September 19, 2023

August ROMA Board Meeting Highlights

It has been a whirlwind since the Board met at the AMO Conference in London this past August. Here are a few highlights:

Trains and Drains: A big thanks to all participants for the great turn out at ROMA's special session on disagreements with railways over the cost of municipal drainage work on rail property. ROMA is taking legal action in a dispute between CN Rail and the City of Sarnia.

ROMA is seeking intervenor status in a case brought forward by the railway to the Canada Transportation Agency because the matter is relevant to many rural communities. ROMA's position is that railways are not exempt from provincial laws and that the courts, not an agency, should hear the matter. ROMA will provide updates as the process continues.

The Ontario Good Roads Association examines risk management and road maintenance: OGRA presented their important study on how to reduce risk and liability through road maintenance. OGRA engaged a subject matter expert from Australia to dive deep into roads and why some have more collisions than others. The Board looks forward to hearing more about this important work as it evolves.

Important Dates

2024 ROMA Conference: ROMA 2024 will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Toronto, from January 20 to 23, 2024. Stay tuned for more info.

Teeny Tiny Summits: ROMA co-sponsors these virtual sessions which are organized by MMAH. The next one is scheduled for September 26.

To learn more about the August meeting, please watch the ROMA Board Chair [Video](#)

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September 15, 2023

Dear Head of Council,

**Subject: Responding to the Housing Affordability Task Force's
Recommendations**

As you know, in February 2022, the Housing Affordability Task Force delivered [its final report](#) with recommendations to help Ontario tackle the housing supply crisis and build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031. Including sub-items and appendices, the Task Force made 74 unique recommendations, some of which apply to all communities in Ontario, with others more specific to large and urban municipalities. While Ontario has made progress in acting on these recommendations — with 23 implemented to date helping to achieve the highest level of housing starts in over three decades — as the province grows at incredible speed, all levels of government need to do more.

To bring the dream of home ownership into reach for more people, I have asked my ministry to renew its efforts to review and, where possible, implement the Task Force's remaining recommendations with minimal delay. As part of that review, I am asking for you, as head of council, to prioritize your top five recommendations for future consideration. For these top five priorities, this could include your advice to revisit the way a recommendation has been implemented up to this point, as well as how some of the recommendations could or should be implemented with amendments.

Accompanying this letter, you will find a chart with space to rank the top five Task Force recommendations. While I know that some of the recommendations may not be applicable to all small, rural, and Northern communities, I ask that you rank those recommendations that you feel would be, or have been, the most useful in increasing housing supply in your community.

As we look to do more to solve the housing supply and affordability crisis together, it's important for the province to have a full understanding of our municipal partners' positions on these recommendations as quickly as possible. I ask that you **please return the completed chart to housingsupply@ontario.ca no later than October 16, 2023.**

I look forward to continuing our work together to ensure that more people can afford a place to call home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Calandra', written in a cursive style.

The Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c: Hon. Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing
Kirstin Jensen, Interim Chief of Staff, Minister's Office
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister
Joshua Paul, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market Housing Division
Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Growth Division
Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division

Attachment:

Top Five Housing Affordability Task Force (HATF) Recommendations for Response

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Please identify the top 5 HATF recommendations that you support, and rationale / comments	
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September 6, 2023

No. 2023-09

Interpretation of s. 6(3) of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*

The Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) has received a number of enquiries from the fire service about fire chiefs' roles and responsibilities with respect to reporting to municipal council. In light of these enquiries, the Fire Marshal has determined that it is appropriate to provide an interpretation of Section 6(3) of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997* (FPPA).

Section 6(1) of the FPPA stipulates that if a fire department is established for the whole or a part of a municipality or for more than one municipality, the council of the municipality or the councils of the municipalities shall appoint a fire chief for the fire department.

Section 6(3) of the FPPA then specifies the relationship between the fire chief and council as follows:

Responsibility to council

6(3) A fire chief is the person who is ultimately responsible to the council of a municipality that appointed him or her for the delivery of fire protection services.

While a municipality may choose to have the fire chief report through an administrative organizational structure, the fire chief remains accountable directly and individually to council for all aspects of fire safety and the delivery of fire protection services within the municipality.

It is also important that any consideration of these matters be risk-based, as communities are required under O. Reg. 378/18: *Community Risk Assessments* to use their community risk assessments to inform decisions about the provision of fire protection services by no later than July 1, 2024.

If you have any questions, please speak with your Fire Protection Adviser.