

**NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION**  
**POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO THE MINISTERS' FORUM (BEARPIT SESSION)**

Policy Number: A009

**I. BEARPIT PARTICIPANTS**

Each member of the panel will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for their opening remarks.

**II. RULES FOR QUESTION PERIOD**

1. Only official delegates shall be allowed to address the members of the Bearpit Session.
2. Order of speaking shall be decided by the Chair.
3. Delegates are requested to state their name and the municipality they represent.
4. Delegates are requested to state the person to whom they wish the question to be directed.
5. Delegates will be allowed to ask one question plus a supplementary.
6. Speakers will be limited to a total of two minutes on the main question plus one minute for the supplementary. This time includes any preamble or background the delegate wishes to provide.
8. Only when every delegate wishing to speak, has been given an opportunity, will the delegate be allowed to speak a second time. The time limit to speak a second time will be limited to one minute.

*Adopted by the Executive Committee - April 30, 1998, City of Thunder Bay  
Reviewed by the Board of Directors – November 24, 2021, City of Thunder Bay*