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Attention: Mayor and Council

### **NOMA Board Meeting Summary Report for April 27, 2022**

Strategic Plan: NOMA Board approved our 5-year Strategic Plan at Special Meeting on March 23, 2022 (attached to email)

Financial Statements: NOMA Board approved the draft audited financial statements.

#### NOMA Conference

The NOMA Board went through agenda. We expect 162 to attend the conference in person and 26 virtually, with 99 delegates.

NOMA Travel Expenses and Constitution Changes: The milage allowance for the NOMA Board has been increased to .61/km for the first 5000km and food increased to \$90/day (breakfast \$20, lunch \$25, dinner \$45) retroactive to April 1, 2022, to respond to increase in gas and food prices.

The NOMA Board decided to remove associate memberships from the constitution and will no longer be accepting new associate members. Those who currently hold an associate membership will be honored for the remainder of the year until Dec 31, 2022.

NPI Immigration Portal: NOMA Board has decided not to move forward with the NPI Immigration Portal.

Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force: Wendy Landry is new co-chair with Danny Whalen of FONOM for task force. The goal is to consider the 60 recommendations in the Connecting of the North Draft Transportation Plan, released Dec 2010. The next meeting is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### ERO Submission for Housing Supply Action Plan

NOMA will respond to this submission, along with FONOM, NOSDA, and AMO, to draw their attention to the joint paper we did on Mental Health, Addictions, and Homelessness with FONOM and NOSDA. We will also submit AMO's paper on addressing housing supply. AMO will include in their submission to reach out to NOMA and FONOM for more details and planning in our respective regions.

#### **Municipal Association/League Updates:**

TBDML – Their AGM was held Virtually March 26<sup>th</sup>. Their ED Beth Stewart resigned.

KDMA – Their next meeting is in May. They are working on a housing strategy and have discussed policing and crown land.

RRDMA – They are trying to get Riverside to come speak with them next month to discuss doctor recruitment.

#### **Executive Director Report:**

NOMA will be hosting our first Learning Morning on May 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30am (EST) via zoom. We have the following speakers confirmed: Joe Hickey with Rock Networks, Martin Lefebvre at NPI to discuss municipal insurance, Food Cycle Science, and AON to discuss reciprocal insurance. All municipalities and those registered for the NOMA Conference will be invited free of charge.

**Issue Tracker Updates:**

NWMO: The March 17<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. The next meeting will be in September. They are 14 months away from announcing site selection.

Railway Taxation: Doug Hartnell reported that conservatives are not interested in taxing railways, and he does not believe they will budge on the crossing costs. It was suggested that we go directly to the CN instead of government.

Energy - Jim Vezina reported that he participated in the AMO Task Force. Considering upgrading the east-west-tie.

The next NOMA Board meeting will take place on June 28<sup>th</sup> in Thunder Bay.

Please contact me at any time if you wish to discuss any NOMA matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Strawson".

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