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Attention: Mayor and Council

NOMA Board Meeting Summary Report for November 24, 2021

Policy Amendments & Office Budget Policy: The policy amendments were reviewed, and there were no objections. The Executive director will upload amended policies to the website. An office budget was approved and has been added to the Financial Management Policy.

NOMA discussed our 2022 Conference & AGM: The Conference will be in person at the Fort Frances Curling club on April 27th to April 29th with a streaming option. We will not offer a hybrid conference due to costs. There will not be a significant cost reduction for streaming option. The Executive Director booked off rooms for board members and were directed to call provide their information for the rooms. The ED will secure blocks of hotel rooms at hotels in Fort Frances for our conference guests. ED will send out invitations next week to Ministers, AMO, FONOM, and ROMA Presidents, and sponsors. The theme of the conference this year will be "Thriving in a Time of Change".

OMERS/CUPE: The Board will be looking into this issue and continuing discussions at our next board meeting.

NOMA Membership Levies: NOMA 2022 Membership Levies will be raised by 2% from 2021.

Lakehead University Presentation: NOMA participated in a presentation by Moira McPherson, Heather Murchison, and Richard Longtin regarding what is happening in Lakehead University this year and opportunities to work together. The Executive Director will share Richard Longtin's contact information with board to be our point of contact person. We will participate in their economic development certification in the future. ED will discuss potential student partnership opportunity with Richard.

NWMO Municipal Forum Representative: The Executive Director, Andrea Strawson, and CAO of Atikokan, Jason Young, were appointed as NOMA representatives on the NWMO Municipal Forum.

Course of Sustainable Northern Ontario Economic Development: Northern Policy Institute and Laurentian University are offering a new Sustainable Northern Ontario Economic Development course beginning Jan 2022. This is an educational opportunity available to all municipalities. The Executive Director will participate in this course.

Letter of support to Minister Smith to sustain existing waterpower: NOMA will send a letter to Minister Smith in support of sustaining existing small hydro power.

Minister Meeting Request re Crown Lands: NOMA representatives Fred Mota, Mark Vermette, Doug Hartnell and Jody Davis will participate in ministry meeting regarding Crown Lands.

Municipal Association/League Updates:

TBDML – Rick dumas had nothing to report.

KDMA – Mayor Fred Mota welcomed new Board member Dan Reynard (Kenora). Discussed crown land and the importance of this issue. Fred noted their AGM will take place in Dryden Jan 18-20th.

RRDMA – Deb Ewald reported AGM is January 15th in Chapple.

Executive Director Report:

NOMA has submitted ROMA Multi-Minister Delegation Request and will participate in a joint delegation with FONOM & NOSDA regarding Mental Health, Addictions, and Homelessness.

The Strategic Plan Survey and result analysis is complete, and the NOMA Board participated in their 2nd strategic Planning session on November 24th.

A discussion occurred regarding natural gas and an energy strategy for Northwestern Ontario. The Executive Director will obtain a meeting with Minister Smith to discuss the future of energy in Ontario, where we are going and how we will get there.

Executive Director is exploring RFQ process for 2023 NOMA Conference.

Issue Tracker Updates:

OMPF – Rick Dumas reported most allocations in region went down and only a few went up while many communities in the south saw increases. Though OMPF funding amount stayed the same the community allocations did not stay the same.

Mining – Mark Vermette reported on need to keep moving on legacy project and tailing facilities.

Energy – This topic was added back to the issue tracker. Jim Vezina will report to file.

The Next NOMA Board meeting will take place on February 23rd in Thunder Bay. Jim Vezina sends his regrets.

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

Sincerely,



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