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Attention: Mayor and Council

NOMA Board Meeting Summary Report for April 24, 2024

Audited Financial Statements

The Board reviewed and approved the audited financial statements.

NOMA Conference Update & Planning

The NOMA Board approved that in-lieu of a speaker gift for the 2024 conference a donation will be made to Regional Food Distribution Association, Thunder Bay.

Travel Policy A004 Update

The NOMA Board approved the motion that Policy Number A004 Travelling and the payment of expenses be amended as follows: Mileage rate when travelling by vehicle be increased to .70/km.

Endorsing Wendy for AMO President

The NOMA Board endorsed Wendy Landry as AMO President.

MMAHs Housing Forum & MOH Consult re Medically Stable Patient Transfers update

Norm Gale provided an update. At the Minister Forum on Housing in Toronto he met with Minister Calandra and Associate Minister Flack. They discussed housing market growth and the associated costs for municipalities to ensure adequate infrastructure to accommodate the new builds. Fundamental changes are needed to the funding formula. Municipalities need to push and ensure developers understand the municipal costs associated with building as the lens of government vs developers are completely different. Canada needs a holistic approach to growth, and this will require immigration. Accelerator fund is insufficient for the growth so existing taxpayer will currently subsidize growth. Growth does not pay for growth in the north! Medically Stable Patient Transfers are in the same place they were in 2010 and have not advanced. They did not get an update and there is a lack of oversight on regulations.

Request to support legislation to hold elected reps accountable for violence/harassment

The Board discussed the request and decided not to move forward on item. Will bring up at AMO for them to take lead on this.

Executive Director Report:

- Met with Associate Minister Tibollo for a follow up to ROMA delegation.
- Met with Minister Calandra for a follow up to ROMA delegation topics and discussed the National Housing Strategy Funding.
- President and ED attended TBDML AGM and provided NOMA Update.
- Wendy Brunetta attended Rural Economic Development Summit on behalf of NOMA.

- Alliance & NOMA secured meeting with Minister Smith and Khanjin at the NOMA Conference on April 25th from 11-11:45am in the Kensington Room to discuss state of forestry and pulp and paper mills, forest road access, biomass, energy, and caribou.
- Submitted response to Rural Economic Development Consultation Questions and provided to AMO.
- Common Voice Northwest Energy Task Force (CVNW) met and agreed that CVNW having successfully completed its mandate be wound up and the corporation be dissolved, and that all remaining funds be transferred to NOMA, and they take over the CVNW Energy Task Force as one of their standing committees.
- ED began distribution list for municipalities that wish to be sent correspondence. Please contact me if you wish to be added to the correspondence distribution list.

Notable Meetings Attended:

- AI Healthcare and Equity Webinar
- Elect Her Now: Building Positive Connections
- AMO Northern Caucus, BOD & Committee of Whole Meeting
- IESO Long Term 2 RFP Meeting
- CSAH – Building Health Communities
- Roundtable discussion on Ontario's Energy Transition
- Met with various sponsors, exhibitors, and speakers to discuss details regarding the upcoming Conference.
- Economic Development Working Group Meeting 3
- NOHFC Strategic Plan Intern Review and funding discussion.
- ED attended REDO meeting to discuss Northern Ontario transportation issues.
- Met with Alicia Neufeld from AMO to discuss her new portfolios and provide NOMA update.
- Ontario Budget
- ED attended IAWG meeting in Ignace.
- Various meetings to finalize the NOMA Regional Economic Development Plan

Municipal Association/League Updates & Issue Tracker Updates:

Deferred to next meeting.

The next NOMA Board meeting takes place June 3, 2024, in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

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

Sincerely,



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