



**Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
(FONOM)**

Response to the
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In October, 2009, the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry and the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure unveiled a *Proposed Growth Plan for Northern Ontario*, pursuant to the *Places to Grow Act 2005* to examine opportunities for Northern Ontario to participate in the new global economy, particularly in the areas of forestry, mining and agriculture.

FONOM welcomes the Province's plan and its focus on long-term success for Northern Ontario.

Between November 2009 and January 2010, the Board of Directors of FONOM met several times to formulate an initial response to the Plan.

Overall, a clear consensus is emerging throughout northern municipalities regarding the Province's initial intentions.

FONOM fundamentally agrees with the five themes of the plan and further agrees that there is much more consultation and work to be done before a final plan is formulated and before a true and equal partnership can be created between the Province and northern municipalities.

Building Towards a New Economy

FONOM agrees that the North must plan now to retain and strengthen its competitive advantage.

To this end, FONOM proposes the following further recommendations:

- That the Province review energy costs and the relationships to Quebec and Manitoba and create a separate lower Northern Ontario rate;
- That the Province encourage development and processing of natural resources in Northern Ontario;
- That the Province redirect the remaining \$300 million from the Northern Prosperity Plan to assist forestry to support the existing industry;
- That the new Samsung deal must not negatively impact current or future Northern hydro projects such as the Lower Mattagami;

- That Northern Ontario must see an economic benefit from the Samsung deal;
- That a current catalogue of aquaculture facilities be produced and distributed;
- That provincial Significant Wetlands that lie inside the urban service boundary of a municipality should be exempt from the current policy in Northern Ontario. The cost of sprawl to the municipality is high to create and maintain. Also Northern Ontario has a higher proportion of wetlands than the south. If wetland is to be filled in, the municipality or developer should have to improve 3 to 5 times the area in a wetland in a municipality;
- That FONOM is interested in seeing the government's expanded strategies for growing tourism and agriculture industries in the North;
- Please see Appendix I for resolutions passed by FONOM in the last three years that relate to this theme.

Investing in People and Progress

FONOM has a longstanding commitment to the North and its people. We therefore urge:

- That any facility or position created pursuant to the Northern Growth Plan, must remain in the North.
- That the Centre for Research and Innovation in the Bioeconomy (CRIBE) must, in their annual report, highlight the projects they have supported in Northeastern Ontario and provide a copy of same to FONOM;
- That FONOM be allocated representation on existing boards or on new technical tables that the Province is creating (e.g. Centre for Research and Innovation in the Bioeconomy, Ontario Power Authority, Ontario Power Generation, Hydro One, Northern Research and Policy Institute, Ontario Northern Transportation Commission, Northern Development Council, Ontario Centre for Climate Impacts and Adaptation Research);
- That the Province review funding of education envelopes reflecting Northern experiences such as the fact that when purchasing a tract of land for schools in the North, the majority of the cost is the development of the land, not in the purchase price;

- That the Province increase funding across the board for health care to combat poor health in Northern Ontario and to allow pioneers to stay in their home communities by repatriating them.
- Please see Appendix II for FONOM resolutions that relate to this theme.

Forging a New Relationship with Aboriginal Peoples

- FONOM concurs that northern development is closely linked with its Aboriginal peoples. FONOM supports any and all initiatives by the Province to improve education, health and accessibility for our Aboriginal neighbours;
- Please see Appendix III for FONOM resolutions that relate to this theme.

Connecting and Strengthening Northern Municipalities

It is the longstanding view of FONOM that strong communities, working together, will drive the success of the north.

With this in mind, FONOM proposes the following:

- That the District of Parry Sound be included in any definition of Northern Ontario by all Ministries. Currently, this is not consistently the case with all Ministries. For example, the Affordable Housing Program (AHP) 2009 Extension – Northern Component excluded the District of Parry Sound as a Northern District. Likewise, the Ministry of Tourism report *Discovering Ontario* also leaves the District of Parry Sound out of the proposed new Northern tourism regions;
- That the Province establish a comprehensive transportation strategy that addresses key connections in Northern Ontario including highways, short-line railways, air and sea;
- That the Ring of Fire rail line to Moosonee must be connected to ONTC for the purposes of resource development;
- That FONOM be consulted on the creation of Regional Economic Zones;
- That the Province ensure that cellular and broadband expansion projects in the North, including the transition from CDMA to GSM and other advanced technology, is a priority;

- That the Province justify, when moving jobs or ministries within the province, why they are not being moved to the North;
- That FONOM supports the December 17, 2009 submission of the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers' Association (NOSDA) with respect to the regional delivery of services;
- That FONOM expects the Province to impose a higher mill rate on the properties and businesses in unorganized areas. Municipalities in the north would expect to share with the Province in the revenues;
- Please see Appendix IV for FONOM resolutions that relate to this theme.

Promoting Environmental Stewardship

FONOM is cognizant of the effects of climate change on the North. Climate change offers opportunities as well as challenges. To this end, FONOM wishes to advocate:

- That the Province establish a fund for small and rural municipalities so that they can participate in brownfield remediation;
- That the Province recognize the contribution of Northern citizens in the stewardship of the North for over a century;
- That Northerners have greater input in environmental discussions that affect the North;
- Please see Appendix V for FONOM resolutions that relate to this theme

Concluding Comments:

The time has come for a new framework that adds transparency and rigour to the relationship between the Province of Ontario and the municipalities of Northern Ontario.

FONOM is in favour of discussions about how best to focus funds so that Northern Ontario gets maximum reward.

The Province should be clear in its own mind about the format and goals of a debate before launching it.

Choosing to support one sector over another will be difficult. Past experience of failing to accurately "pick winners" has led to risk-averse governance in the North.

To that end, the government should develop clear and agreed methodologies for determining priorities and acceptability of risk.

To conclude, we are in favour of the over-arching strategic direction of the Plan. However, we urge the government to raise its game. FONOM recommends that wide consultation take place with a view to producing a strategy that is both tangible, ambitious and achievable.

Finally, we want to emphasize that Northern municipalities have a key role to play in the ongoing development and execution of the proposed Plan. We would like to see this recognized in future documents. FONOM itself, as the unified voice of all Northeastern Ontario municipalities, should also be recognized as a key partner with the Province.

FONOM, by its presence “at the table”, will strive to make the work of moving the Plan forward relevant, rigorous and transparent.

We suggest that built into the final plan should be a timely assessment of what benefits, if any, are delivered to Northern Ontario.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mac Bain". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

Mac Bain, President

Theme 1: Building Towards a New Economy

2007/01	A Resolution to Support the Forestry Industry in Ontario	BE IT RESOLVED THAT to keep people working, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Ontario government act immediately to implement a forestry sector energy competitiveness plan that achieves an all-in target rate of \$45 per MWH to remain established for a three-year period. The \$15 rebate program will remain in effect until the all-in delivered electricity rates for each facility has been established at the target rate of \$45 MWH inclusive of all generation, transmission, DRC and other charges.
2007/17	Tourism in Rural Northern Ontario	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) hereby requests the Ontario Government to significantly increase support to the tourism industry of Northern and rural Ontario.
2007/27	Royalty Tax on Diamonds	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities petition the Provincial Government to amend the <i>Ontario Mining Act</i> to include diamonds on the same royalty basis as all other minerals.
2008/06	Ontario Builds A Wood Culture	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) reaffirm its commitment to Resolution #2001.21, "Building with a Wood Option" which encourages municipal construction to use a wood option, a key component of a Wood Culture in Ontario; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) call on the Ontario Government and Northeastern municipalities to establish an "Ontario Builds a Wood Culture" policy initiative by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Establishing policies to stimulate the optimal use of wood in municipal and provincially funded capital building projects; b) Establishing policy to equally recognize wood used in building projects, from any of the three sustainable forest management certification systems – Canadian Standards Association (CSA), Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), and Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). c) Adopting an inclusive approach to green building rating systems by considering LEED, Canada's green Globes, Canada's R2000 and other energy efficiency initiatives, that further support building with wood.
2008/29	Funding for Community Festivals	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports Northeastern community festivals by asking the Provincial Government to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) reconsider funding further festivals this fiscal year; and b) consider a more fair selection system so that all festivals, or at least the vast majority, receive at

		<p>least a small portion of financial support instead of portioning all the funds out to a relatively small number of communities.</p>
2008/32	Provincial-Municipal Revenue-Sharing Framework for Mining	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports the City of Greater Sudbury's efforts to negotiate a mining revenue-sharing agreement with the Province of Ontario and calls upon the province of Ontario to use any revenue-sharing framework established with the City of Greater Sudbury as a model to address the similar needs of other mining municipalities in Ontario.</p>
2008/33	Forest Management	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) calls on the government of Ontario to ensure the <i>Endangered Species Act</i> includes a long term regulation under Section 55 recognizing that current forest management in Ontario is world class and meets all of the objectives of the <i>Endangered Species Act</i> and that the "<i>Endangered Species Act</i> (ESA) will not replace the forest management planning process, but rather complement the process and provide opportunities to integrate species and habitat protection requirements"; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT FONOM calls on the government of Ontario to live up to the commitment made by the Minister of Natural Resources in May, 2007 when he stated "specific recognition of the <i>Crown Forest Sustainability Act</i> (CFSA) and Forest Management Plans as equivalent processes which plan for species at risk and can be accomplished through Bill 184 (the <i>Endangered Species Act</i>). Specifically, Section 54 (now section 55) allows regulations to be made which can provide for forest management activities that address protection of species at risk and their habitat.</p>
2009-03	Sale of AbitibiBowater Hydro-Electric Generating Assets	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) petitions the Minister of Natural Resources and the Government of Ontario to intervene and prevent vital assets (hydro dams at Island Falls, Twin Falls and Iroquois Falls) from being severed from the Iroquois Falls mill and sold thereby securing the long-term sustainability and dependability of the Northeastern Ontario economy.</p>
2009-04	Protection of the Boreal Forest	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) advises the provincial government that northeastern Ontario municipalities are strongly opposed to the creation of a newly protected area of 225,000 square kilometers in the Boreal Forest region of Northern Ontario.</p>
2009-39	Support for Growth and Development of Northeastern Eco-Tourism	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports in principle eco-tourism, educational projects undertaken by Northeastern municipalities recognizing the potential to provide viable regional attractions while enhancing the educational, recreational and economic development opportunities for its residents and visitors alike.</p>

2010-01	Support for Northeastern Ontario Resource-Based Business	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports the group of Northeastern Ontario mayors in their efforts to communicate to the Government of Ontario the gravity of this situation; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT FONOM petitions the Government of Ontario to make securing the long-term sustainability and dependability of the Northeastern Ontario economy <u>a key priority</u>; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister responsible for Industry Canada/FedNor, the Minister of Natural Resources, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines and Leaders of the Opposition Parties.</p>
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Theme 2: Investing in People and Progress

2007-03	Family Physician Shortage in Ontario	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) urges the Government of Ontario and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario to take immediate action to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop new and more effective (repatriation) programs aimed at recruiting Canadian/Ontario trained physicians currently practicing in other provinces, Ontario medical students studying in other provinces and Canadian trained physicians currently practicing in the United States; 2. Eliminate all return of service requirements for Canadian trained physicians; 3. Prevent delays to physicians working in other provinces who wish to set up practice in Ontario by putting greater reliance on their status as determined by the College of Physicians and Surgeons in those provinces; 4. Remove the barriers to restricted licensure for Ontario medical residents in training; and 5. Develop appropriate retention measures for highly skilled physicians.
2007-04	Nurse Practitioners	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) acknowledge the role of the Nurse Practitioner and their contribution to under-serviced areas and support the collaborative efforts of communities necessary for the recruitment and retention of Nurse Practitioners; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) petitions the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to increase the number of funded positions for Nurse Practitioners in the area of greatest need within Northeastern Ontario.</p>
2007-06	Request for 100% Provincial Funding of Mandatory Health Programs and Services	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) petitions the Province of Ontario to 100% fund all Mandatory Health Programs and Services in Ontario while maintaining local and regional membership on Boards of Health.</p>
2007-09	Ontario Disability Support Program	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests the provincial government freeze the municipal contribution towards ODSP benefits and administration for 2007 and 2008 at the levels paid in 2006 while the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review is taking place and continue this freeze until the final public report is released.</p>

2007-10	Inadequacy of Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) hereby requests the Government of Ontario revise the current program to make it more viable for the public and private sectors to receive unconditional funds in a timely manner without the unnecessary administrative burden.
2007-19	Support for Provincial University Charter to Algoma College	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports and endorses the creation of Algoma University by granting a provincial university charter to Algoma University College.
2008-07	Regulations Regarding Water Safety Protection	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) urges the Provincial Government to provide funding for provincially mandated water testing to Northeastern municipalities to allow them to meet these new legislated requirement.
2008-14	Moratorium on Rural and Northern School Closures	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) petitions the Province of Ontario to immediately place a moratorium on all potential northern and rural school closures until the economic benefits and local impacts are determined in accordance with the <i>Northern Prosperity Plan</i> .
2008-18	Support for Public Health Training in Northern Ontario	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports the initiative by Algoma Public Health and Sault College in their partnership to bring public health training and education to Northern Ontario.
2008-21	Continuation of Ontario Heart Health Project Funding	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) petitions the Ministry of Health Promotion to build on the strengths of the current Ontario Heart Health Project – Taking Action for Healthy Living (OHHP TAFHL) model and infrastructure and to maintain the momentum of local heart health projects by securing continued funding for Phase III of the OHHP-TAFHL.
2008-22	Environmental Supports for Physical Activity	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) endorses a supportive environment approach to physical activity promotion and requests the Chief Medical Officer of Health to continue to seek opportunities to enhance public health programming throughout northeastern Ontario; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities recognizes that coordinated action with other sectors, including local municipalities, is required in order to develop a comprehensive, community-based approach to address supportive environments for physical activity.
2008-25	Delivery of Healthcare Services in Northern Ontario	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) strongly encourages the provincial government to make the required investments in northern communities to ensure that the challenges associated with alternate level of care are addressed in the near term; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) strongly encourages the provincial government to make the required investments for

		<p>the development and investment of a northern Ontario medical manpower strategy, building on the Northern Ontario School of Medicine and other pilot projects currently in place in the north; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) advocate for healthcare funding that is fair to Northern Ontario and explicitly takes into account the unique challenges of the north so that healthcare providers and organizations have the necessary resources to provide the right care, at the right time, by the right provider, as close to home as possible.</p>																		
2008-28	Provincial Support for Physical Activity Facilities and Outdoor Spaces	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports Parks and Recreation Ontario's position and calls on the provincial government to provide dedicated funding for the development, renewal and rehabilitation of physical activity facilities and outdoor spaces.																		
2008-30	Repatriating Seniors	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) respectfully calls upon the Minister of Health and Long Term Care to review the situation in affected communities to either change the legislation which will allow repatriating of patients/residents to their communities or to change the current practice to allow repatriating of patients.																		
2009-05	Funding Formula for Unorganized Territories Grant Developed by the Northern Ontario Health Units	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) recommend to the Province of Ontario the following proposed formula to determine the funding amount for Unorganized Territories Grant;</p> <p><i>Sample of Proposed Grant Formula as Provided by North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit</i></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Net Shareable Mandatory Programs Cost</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$11,617,056</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Related Cost Shared Cost (WNV, VBD)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$250,123</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">\$11,867,179</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Divided by District Municipal Population (excluding Population in Unorganized and First Nations' Territories)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">116,047</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Per capita cost</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$102.26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Population in Unorganized and First Nations' Territories</td> <td style="text-align: right;">6,901</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apply per capita to this population</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$705,709</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Add: Premium for extra expenses to serve the remote population</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Request for Unorganized Territories</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$917,422</td> </tr> </table>	Net Shareable Mandatory Programs Cost	\$11,617,056	Related Cost Shared Cost (WNV, VBD)	\$250,123		\$11,867,179	Divided by District Municipal Population (excluding Population in Unorganized and First Nations' Territories)	116,047	Per capita cost	\$102.26	Population in Unorganized and First Nations' Territories	6,901	Apply per capita to this population	\$705,709	Add: Premium for extra expenses to serve the remote population	30%	Total Request for Unorganized Territories	\$917,422
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2009-06	Cost-Sharing for EMS Land Ambulance Service Delivery	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for the Province of Ontario pay a full fifty (50%) per cent cost share for EMS Land Ambulance Service delivery in order to address the current and on-going capital and operating requirements; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, and the Minister of Finance, advising that due to municipal economic circumstances, a full fifty (50%) per cent Provincial cost share is necessary to avoid jeopardizing provincially established service delivery</p>																		

		requirements/standards.
2009-07	Funding to Install Elevators in Seniors' Facilities	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) calls on senior levels of government to provide funding to install and maintain elevators that will allow our seniors to age in place in their own communities.
2009-08	Affordable Housing	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) expresses their support for the FCM Action Plan and urges the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Federal Minister responsible for Housing and CMHC, to renew their expiring programs and to work towards a long-term predictable Federal-Provincial funding framework that will sustain municipal action in responding to affordable housing needs that arise at the local level.
2009-10	Low Income Amounts Under Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW)	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) encourages the provincial government to review the income amounts that are disbursed to vulnerable individuals receiving Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW) benefits in the interest of enhancing this essential determinant of health for low income populations.
2009-11	Best Start Funding Beyond 2010	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) petitions the Minister of Children and Youth Services for the Province of Ontario to continue funding Best Start beyond March 31, 2010 at an increased level of funding.
2009-12	Infant and Child Development Program	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) petitions the Minister of Child and Youth Services to consider providing adequate financial restitution to the Infant and Child Development Programs of Northeastern Ontario to maintain the important prevention services to the children and families of Northeastern Ontario.
2009-14	Shortage of Physician Specialists and Support Services in Northern Ontario	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports the Mayor of the City of Sault Ste. Marie in his invitation to the Minister of Health for Canada to visit the City of Sault Ste. Marie to review the situation and learn first-hand how a typical northern Ontario community is trying to cope with the shortages of physician specialist and support services; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a formal inquiry be conducted to examine the disparity of health care services between northern and southern Ontario, including specialist and specialist services and the lack of compliance that exists within Ontario and the <i>Canada Health Act</i> .
2009-15	Support for Position of Mayor of Sault Ste. Marie Regarding the Intent of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports the position taken by Mayor Rowswell in a letter dated March 5, 2009 to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care regarding the intent of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) and Ministry policies for medical specialists and resulting health care services, ensuring access to full health care services and specialties for the residents of Northern Ontario.
2009-16	Request for Lobbying Assistance on the Issue of Long-Term Care Beds and Repatriating	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) will again petition the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care by copy of its Resolution 2008-30 and request the Minister review the situation in affected communities

	Seniors	with a view to either change the legislation which will allow repatriating of patients/residents to their communities or to change the current practice to allow repatriating of patients.
2009-23	Proposed Information and Communications Standards under the <i>Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act</i>	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Expresses its objection to the Minister of Community and Social Services with the proposed Information and Communications Standard on the basis of cost and time frames to implement; and 2) Asks the Province of Ontario for a delayed five-year phase-in period and financial assistance in order to assist with the implementation of the proposed standard to be adopted under the authority of the <i>Accessibility of Ontarians with Disability Act</i> ("AODA"); and Directs the Executive Director of FONOM to circulate this resolution to all FONOM members together with the January 22, 2009 background document prepared by staff with the City of North Bay.
2009-32	Review of the Health Based Allocation Model (HBAM)	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) support the efforts of the North East LHIN in its endeavours to engage partners with an interest in correcting the historic imbalance in health care dollars allocated to Northern Ontario such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analyze HBAM methodology from a Northern Ontario perspective to address the negative impact that is possible in the HBAM methodology to produce a Northern Ontario Perspective document outlining the negatives with the intent of using the document as a tool to address the inequities. 2. Examine the input data used to determine the refined clinical group, the socioeconomic status, the definition of rural and the weighting factors. 3. Determine if the factors that affect health care in Northern Ontario at the ground level are a part of the HBAM methodology to ensure the outcomes produced will result in the enhancement of the North East LHIN vision of Health and Wellness for All.
2009-35.1	Rural Ontario Health Care Strategy	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario, together with the Government of Canada and representatives of rural communities develop a health care strategy with adequate funding and local governance to maintain and improve existing infrastructure and services to provide accessible community based healthcare, specifically for rural Northern Ontario communities.
2009-35.2	Anti-venom for Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake	the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) asks the Province of Ontario to provide annual funding for the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake anti-venom for all health-care facilities where, based on past experience, there has been and continues to be a concern about the amounts of anti-venom available at these health-care facilities

2009-40	Support for Northern Ontario School of Architecture	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities supports the development of the Northern Ontario School of Architecture
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Theme 3: Forging a new Relationship with Aboriginal Peoples

2007-05	Ministry of Health's New First Nations EMS Funding Formula	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests the provincial government provide assurances to northern municipalities that any First Nations' funding grant for ambulance services be directed to the actual deliverer of the service where such is abundantly clear.
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Theme 4: Connecting and Strengthening Northern Communities

2007-26	Improvements to Highways 17 and 11 North	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) petitions the Ontario Minister of Transportation and the Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal and the Government of Canada to develop a highway improvement plan that addresses the matters of passing lanes, paved shoulders, rumble strips, rest stops and widening to four lanes of Highways 17 and 11 North, and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT and both levels of government, the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada, each provide 50% of the funding required to upgrade the Trans-Canada Highway 17 and 11 North throughout Northern Ontario</p>
2008-26	Bridges	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) petitions the Province of Ontario to adopt a similar policy to that of the Province of Quebec to take back full ownership of bridges located in Northeastern Ontario communities with a population of 200,000 or less and have them managed through a single organization/agency or the Ministry of Transportation.
2008-27	Building Canada Framework Agreement	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities petitions the Governments of Canada and Ontario to make a commitment to renewed, dedicated negotiations that will see a Building Canada Framework Agreement signed expeditiously so that Ontario's municipal governments can benefit from additional investment opportunities that a collaborative Canada-Ontario contribution agreement can bring to their significant infrastructure needs.
2009-18	Funds for Professional Services under Building Canada Fund	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests the Minister Responsible for the Building Canada Program for the Government of Canada to make funds available from the funding partner for municipalities in Northeastern Ontario in relation to the Building Canada Fund where professional services (engineering, studies, etc.) are a requirement for projects in a competitive application process.
2009-20	Support for Improving and Enhancing Harbour Facilities in Northeastern Ontario	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports the efforts of the City of Sault Ste. Marie and its private sector partners to solicit funding from senior levels of government for the purposes of improving and enhancing their harbour facilities as well as for the funding of other Northeastern ports such as the one at Wawa.
2009-28	Cellular Phone Coverage in the Municipality of Temagami and Throughout Northern Ontario	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports the Municipality of Temagami initiative to improve cell phone coverage in the area through a letter to NetCentral in support of their application for funding for this purpose; and

		<p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports the cellular and broadband expansion projects in the North including the transition from CDMA to GSM and other advanced technology by service providers under the leadership of NetCentral, NeoNet, Blue Sky Net, Algoma District Network and Northwestern Ontario Innovation Centre; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT FONOM and FONOM members urge Rogers Wireless, Bell Mobility and Bell Aliant to commit the necessary corporate capital to fill the gaps with NetCentral requesting the balance of capital funding required to sustain the business case from NOHFC and FedNor.</p>
2009-29	Changes to Ontario Northland Bus Schedules	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) on behalf of all residents of Northeastern Ontario strongly opposes this or any further reduction of bus service in Northeastern and Northwestern Ontario until such time as a complete review of bus service in Northeastern and Northwestern Ontario can be completed as previous reductions have undermined the viability of other routes served by O.N.T.C.; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the O.N.T.C. immediately cancel the proposed cuts until this review is completed; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the immediate support and intervention of the Premier of Ontario be requested to halt this service reduction by O.N.T.C. until such time as a review is completed on the impact bus service has on Northeastern and Northwestern Ontario.</p>
2009-36	Short-Line Railway Repairs	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests these funds for this much needed project, immediately.</p>
2009-37	Northern Ontario Transportation Strategic Plan	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) urges the Province of Ontario, in cooperation with appropriate federal officials, undertake a strategic review of the transportation system which would include short and long term recommendations; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the mandate of the Northland Transportation Commission, an existing crown corporation, be expanded to fulfill this function.</p>

Theme 5: Promoting Environmental Stewardship

2009-27	Provincial Funding Shortfalls	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports Conservation Ontario's demand that the province provide fair funding in program areas of provincial interest such as watershed management, hazard land management, environmental protection and the newly mandated activity of drinking water source protection.
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