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Attention: Mayor and Council

NOMA Board Meeting Summary Report for August 14, 2022

FONOM, NOSDA, and NOMA will conduct a second research paper with NPI to be shared with government ROMA 2023 to look into 3 of the 8 strategies recommended in the first paper on Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness in the North. NOMA also to conduct a joint meeting with NOSDA and FONOM at AMO conference to discuss mental health, addictions, and homelessness.

NOMA Board to participate in the AMO conference and meet with government to discuss OMPF, Railway taxation and crossing expenses, sale of crown land, and public health and EMS.

Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force: They had their 4th meeting. They discussed new set of training regulations coming out in September, graduated licensing, making dash camera permanent in truck, service providers, and rail, air, and ports.

Ontario One Call Locate Response Times: Municipalities facing issues with One Call Local Response time for infrastructure repairs is an issue across the province. A comment was made to say that they are potentially looking at charging people for the Locate but this could create more issues. Some service providers are hiring their own Locates to expedite timelines. They are short on staff to perform the locate services. Except and email from ED to see what municipalities in the region are experiencing.

Municipal Association/League Updates:

TBDML – They are still discussing AGM and they have someone interested in ED position.

KDMA – They will be moving forward with working on regionally specific issues within KDMA.

RRDMA – They cancelled their executive meeting but will have next board meeting on September 21st and discussed alcohol permits.

Executive Director Report:

- NOMA will be hosting our 2nd Learning Morning on either November 9th or 30th via zoom.
- OHRC is undertaking consultation through written submission by Sept 30, 2022 to provide insight on issues relating to poverty including housing, mental health, and addiction.
- Infrastructure Canada is seeking input to help inform the design and delivery of permanent public transit funding in communities across Canada by Sept 30, 2022.
- ED provided Board with a Strategic Plan Tracker to update the Board on progress with our strategic goals. NOHFC deemed our application ineligible due to it being a permanent remote position, which would lack the requirement of on-site direct supervision. The ED will work with NOHFC to try and make our application eligible.

Issue Tracker Updates:

Policing Costs: A discussion occurred regarding the reason KDMA is experiencing increased policing costs. Calls for service are likely the primary issue and couch-surfers.

NWMO: Repository selection has been delayed until 2023

NOSM: Physician Recruitment: The NOSM expansion that was due to happen this fall is delayed. Therefore, they will not be able to take more students this year. They are planning a summit for the Fall and next Spring. There is a struggle with NOSM going into Northern Communities and the reasoning is

unclear. There needs to be consistency and clarity on the locums across the region as municipalities are competing for locum doctors as some municipalities can offer more to get them and others will loose out.

The next NOMA Board meeting will take place on November 23, 2022 in Thunder Bay.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Strawson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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