



**The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie  
Council Correspondence**

February 7, 2020

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| <b>1. Temporary Street Closure</b><br>Bon Soo Winter Carnival – Polar Bear Swim, February 9, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Lake Street south of Queen Street to end |         |
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**MINUTES**

**(1) CALL TO ORDER & NOTE MEMBERS PRESENT**

President Lynn Watson called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Round table introductions.

**Presents:**

Jim Dunbar, Councillor, Town of Blind River  
Mariola Morin, Councillor, Town of Bruce Mines  
Georges Bilodeau, Mayor, Township of Huron Shores  
Blaine Mersereau, Mayor, Township of Johnson  
Lynn Watson, Mayor, Township of McDonald, Meredith, Aberdeen Additional  
Shelley Bailey, Councillor, Township of McDonald, Meredith, Aberdeen Add'l  
Barbara Barton, Councillor, Township of The North Shores  
Beth West, Mayor, Township of Plummer Additional  
Ken Lamming, Mayor, Prince Township  
Ian Chambers, Councillor, Prince Township  
Jody Wildman, Mayor, Township of St-Joseph  
Beverly Nantel, Mayor, Township of Dubreuilville  
Cheryl Fort, Mayor, Township of Hornepayne  
Todd Rydall, Councillor, Township of Laird  
Mary-Louise Zarichney, Councillor, Town of Spanish  
Lennie Smith, Mayor, Township of Tarbutt & Tarbutt  
Linda Stopes, Councillor, Town of Thessalon  
Tracey Cooke, Councillor, Town of Thessalon  
Cathy Cyr, Executive Director ADMA, Clerk, Municipality of Wawa

**Regrets:**

Dick Beitz, Mayor, Township of Laird  
Angello Bazzoni, Mayor, Township of White River  
Rodney Wood, Mayor, Township of Hilton  
Jocelyne Bishop, Mayor, Town of Spanish  
Bill Rosenburg, Mayor, Town of Thessalon  
Jody Orto, Councillor, Town of Bruce Mines  
Randie Condie, Mayor, Township of The North Shores

**Guests:** Mr. Adrian DeVuonno, Local Immigration Partnership

**Media:** None

**(2) REVIEW OF ADDENDUM & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by:** B. Mersereau **R.** 2019-09  
**Seconded by:** I. Chambers

**RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda for the Algoma District Municipal Association scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2019, be approved, as amended.

**Amendments:**

- 12.3 Township of Hornepayne – LCBO Closure
- 12.4 Township of St. Joseph – Support for Electronic Delegations

CARRIED.

**(3) ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

Chair Lynn Watson advised that Mr. Danny Whalen would conduct the elections for the ADMA Executive. He turned the Chair over to Mr. Whalen.

**Moved by:** G. Bilodeau **R.** 2019-10  
**Seconded by:** K. Lamming

**RESOLVED THAT** Lynn Watson be elected as President of the Algoma District Municipal Association for the term of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2022.

CARRIED.

**(4) ELECTION OF 1<sup>st</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT**

**Moved by:** L. Watson **R.** 2019-11  
**Seconded by:** J. Dunbar

**RESOLVED THAT** Ken Lamming be elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the Algoma District Municipal Association for the term of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2022.

CARRIED.

**(5) ELECTION OF 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT**

**Moved by:** L. Watson **R.** 2019-12  
**Seconded by:** B. Mersereau

**RESOLVED THAT** Lennie Smith be elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of the Algoma District Municipal Association for the term of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2022.

CARRIED.

**(6) ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

There were no elections for the position of Executive Director. The matter will be postponed to the April 2020 meeting.

**(7) ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPENING REMARKS**

**7.1 *President of FONOM –Danny Whalen***

Mr. Whalen thanked the members for the invitation and gave a brief description of what FONOM is. FONOM represents 110 municipalities in Northeast Ontario, led by a Board of Directors and have 1 Director from each District. There is a total of 12 and full time Executive Directors at the office. The 12 Directors set policies and have a 3 member executive and follow the direction of the Board. Mr. Whalen was elected FONOM President in August of 2018. He travels to Toronto monthly to deal with the Provincial Association and every other month to bring up Northern issues.

If a municipality has a FONOM membership, they can send as many resolutions as they want and they will be taken to Queen’s Park. The benefit to that is municipalities do not have to pay for delegations.

One main thing FONOM is targeting is holding Board meetings in small town in Northern Ontario. Membership is based on population.

Composition on the Board of Directors can be found on the FONOM website.

**7.2 *Mr. Michael Mantha -MPP - Algoma Manitoulin***

MPP – Mr. Mantha thanked everyone for allowing him to speak. He notified everyone there is a big building scam occurring in the Goulais River area where people are being taken advantage of by contractors in the area who are using similar names of existing businesses. Mr. Mantha would like for everyone to share the information to ensure no one else gets scammed.

There was a large community gathering in Sault Ste Marie regarding the Ferrochrome Plant that might be coming to Sault Ste Marie. There are many concerned citizens. People want to be engaged. Citizens felt like decisions were being made without consultations. More information to come in the future.

Mr. Mantha attended the AMO conference where everyone heard the news on taxation. This will hit everyone really hard and to be prepared. The government is making decisions that MPP’s are not used to seeing being done.

Mr. Mantha has been busy working on the road issues in Northern Ontario. There have been many complaints and a lot of the work that is being done by the Service Providers is not being done properly. He will continue to fight this battle.

Mr. Mantha is working on the Broadband issue and trying to find out where the funding will come from. He is concerned that the issue will be addressed by the developers from Southern Ontario. Service providers in Northern Ontario are not providing the level of service customers are being charged for. Some customers are being denied service because Service Providers are overloaded.

Mr. Mantha will be reaching out to municipal leaders, FONOM and AMO to help them identify funds for programs that are rightfully entitled to Northern Ontario.

He thanked everyone and answered a few questions.

**(8) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***April 27, 2019 – Echo Bay***

**Moved by:** J. Wildmen

**R.** 2019-14

**Seconded by:** B. West

**RESOLVED THAT** the Algoma District Municipal Association does hereby adopt the Minutes of the April 27, 2019, Spring Symposium as contained on Pages 1-9, held in Echo Bay, Ontario, as presented.

CARRIED.

***Action:***

Minutes to be signed and placed in the Minute Binder.

**(9) PRESENTATIONS**

**9.1 *New Northern and Rural Immigration Partnership. Mr. Adrian DeVuonno, Local Immigration Partnership***

Mr. DeVuonno thanked everyone for the invitation and the opportunity to speak on Local Immigration Partnership.

Mr. DeVuonno became the Project Coordinator in January 2019. Since then, the Local Immigration Partnership have changed the branding, establishing a new direction and approach to immigration in Algoma.

The Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot Program was discussed at a previous ADMA meeting and since then, the Federal Government has sent out the material instructions and realized many municipalities didn't fall in the catchment area for the Immigration Pilot Program.

Mr. DeVuonno presented the Local Immigration Partnership and talked about immigration in the area, what is happening in the area with different programs, initiatives and strategic directions with immigration moving into the pilot program.

The LIP is funded by the government. 100% funded by Refugees and Citizenship of Canada. The City of Sault Ste Marie is a partner to the LIP but the LIP works for the region and represents the communities

and works with all 3 levels of government. With the pilot program, the focus is on Sault Ste Marie, including many surrounding communities. Mr. DeVuonno will have to review the catchment area.

Mr. DeVuonno provided some information on the Situational Analysis and why immigration is becoming a high priority for the area. Sault Ste Marie area will continue to see an influx of refugees.

Since 2016 to 2019, 90% of the refugee population came from Syria.

The LIP does not focus on attraction. The LIP is promoting the New Northern and Rural Immigration Partnership and focusing on integration and retention.

Immigration is a two way process and involves adjustments on both sides. The LIP is looking for welcoming communities that has a strong desire to newcomers to making them feel at home. Their Vision is a welcoming inclusive community, where everyone has equal opportunity to participate in the economic, social cultural and political life of the City. The LIP can help communities navigate through the process.

Mr. DeVuonno recommended communities who are interested to welcoming immigrants, to form a newcomer committee and the LIP would help guide the development of the committee and provide support.

**9.2 *YMCA Programs Update, Tracey Cooke, CEO, Sault Ste Marie YMCA***

Ms. Cooke provided information on the YMCA. The YMCA stands for Young Men Christian's Association. It is 120 years old and currently located on McNabb Street in Sault Ste Marie. It is one of the longest standing charities in the area. YMCA serves the City of Sault Ste Marie and surrounding areas and works with First Nation communities. It has a 15 Board member and has 140 staff including part time employees.

When becoming a member of the YMCA, members have access to all programs. Currently have approximately 4000 members. The YMCA is a program specialist in recreation and outreach.

YMCA is looking at reinvestment in multiple phases. Phase 1 reinvestment will be insulating the functional fitness space, Phase 2 will include pool repair and water tank replacement and with Phase 3, with successful funding, will be a complete gym floor replacement and updated squash court.

The YMCA is the largest Child Care program offerings in Sault Ste Marie and would like to see it expand. It is licensed by the DSAB in Sault Ste Marie and they also have unlicensed after school programs and it is funded by the Ministry of Tourism and Cultural and Sports.

Ms. Cooke continued to explain other programs YMCA has to offer.

Over the next five years, the YMCA is looking for new partnership opportunities and strategic partnerships.

**(10) FONOM UPDATE**

**10.1 *FONOM Update – Lynn Watson***

Mr. Watson spoke on different issues being brought forward to the Government for discussions. Even though the government has been good at sitting down and having discussions and allowing FONOM make presentations, the government responds back by asking how they can fix the issue. FONOM has provided some ideas on how to fix some issues but not sure if the government will follow through with it.

Other topics of discussions brought to the Government were: Governance Accountability Review, the Provincial Budget, the Amalgamation of Health Services, Safety on Farms, Price of Energy, Funding, and Revenue Sharing.

One topic that was not discussed is the Unincorporated Areas around municipalities. The disadvantages Unincorporated Areas are causing municipalities by using the roads and other services are not paying their fair share of taxes. Both incorporated and unincorporated areas should be taxed under the same basis. There are large areas in Northern Ontario that are in a No School Board designations and some areas don't pay school taxes but school buses still travel in those areas.

Mr. Watson informed the ADMA members the City of Sault Ste Marie now has 2 representatives sitting on the ADMA Association, Mr. Marcy Bruni and Mr. Rick Niro. Ms. Sandra Hollingsworth now sits on the FONOM Board.

Anyone wanting to bring issues forward to send in a resolution to FONOM.

**(11) ADMA OLD BUSINESS**

**11.1 *Constitution Review (for information)***

Mr. Watson suggested the Constitution Review be forwarded to the 2020 Spring Symposium as the President and the Executive Director have some discussions and each municipality can share with their Council.

**Action:** Forward to the Spring 2020 meeting.

**11.2 *Community Safety and Well-Being Plans, Township of Johnson, (Resolution)***

**Moved by:** J. Dunbar  
**Seconded by:** B. Mersereau

**R. 2019-15**

**RESOLVED THAT** the Algoma District Municipal Association does hereby support the Township of Johnson's resolution (copy attached hereto) and requests the Ministry of the Solicitor General to reconsider the "one size fits all" requirement of the *Safer Ontario Act* and implement changes that would allow for a scalable model for Community Safety and Well-Being Plans;

**AND FURTHER** that the Algoma District Municipal Association respectfully requests the Provincial Government to provide funding to municipalities to assist with development and maintenance of Community Safety and Well-Being Plans;

**AND FURTHER** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, FONOM, AMO, ROMA and MPP-Algoma/Manitoulin.

CARRIED, as amended.

**(12) NEW BUSINESS**

**12.1 *Ambulance Services/Service Review, Cheryl Fort, Mayor, Township of Hornepayne (Resolution)***

**Moved by:** B. Barton

**R.** 2019-15 (a)

**Seconded by:** T. Cooke

**WHEREAS** the Province has indicated that they are committed to using a "Northern Lens" and consulting with Northerners when planning and making decisions about the North; and,

**WHEREAS** the Province is promoting an "Open for Business" Strategy which should include Northern Ontario; and,

**WHEREAS** the Algoma District Municipal Association (ADMA) recognizes the importance of a thriving and healthy social environment to the concept of "Community"; and,

**WHEREAS** the ADMA supports and encourages not only the maintenance of a great quality of life for residents in the Algoma District but encourages growth and development as well;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Algoma District Municipal Association is in full support of the Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne's Council Resolution No. 2019- 463 dated September 25, 2019 (attached).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Premier Doug Ford, the Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, the Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, the Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, and Michael Mantha, M.P.P. Algoma – Manitoulin.



CARRIED.

**Action:** Copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Premier Doug Ford, the Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, the Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, the Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, and Michael Mantha, M.P.P. Algoma – Manitoulin.

**12.2 Municipal Amalgamation, Township of Laird (For information)**

No representation from the Township of Laird. Mr. Watson provided an update on this topic. The Township of Laird had sent a letter to Premier Ford regarding a resolution of support in petitioning the Province to delay any proceeding to forced amalgamation until all issues have been investigated.

**12.3 Financial Statement, Cathy Cyr, Executive Director, (Resolution)**

All communities have paid their dues in full.

**Action:** To discuss financial services at the Spring Symposium with the new Executive Committee.

**Moved by:** K. Lamming

**R.** 2019-16

**Seconded by:** G. Bilodeau

**RESOLVED THAT** the Algoma District Municipal Association does hereby accept the financial report dated September 18, 2019, as presented, a copy of which is attached hereto.

CARRIED.

**12.4 LCBO Store, Township of Hornepayne (Resolution).**

Township of Hornepayne received an email from the LCBO Corporate Director Ms. Jessica Oliver and LCBO had issued a request for payments for LCBO Convenience Outlet in the community of Hornepayne. LCBO Corporate wants to shut down the LCBO store in Hornepayne by the end of 2019 but want the outlet opened at the same time.

The resolution of support is Township of Hornepayne is asking to meet with the LCBO Board Chair and Minister of Finance for discussions before putting something like this in place.

**Moved by:** B. Barton

**R.** 2019-16 (a)

**Seconded by:** T. Cooke

**WHEREAS** the Province has indicated that they are committed in using our Northern Land and consulting with Northerners, when planning and making decisions about the North,

**AND WHEREAS** the Province is promoting an open for business strategy that should include Northern Ontario,

**AND WHEREAS** the Algoma District Municipal Association (ADMA) recognizes the importance of thriving and healthy social environment to the concept of community,

**AND WHEREAS** the Algoma District Municipal Association supports and encourages and support not only the maintenance of great quality of life for residents in the Algoma District that encourages growth and development as well,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Algoma District Municipal Association is in full support of The Corporate Township of Hornepayne Councils resolution No. 2019-463, dated September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 hereto attached,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Greg Rickford, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, the Honourable Rod Phillips, the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Vic Fidelli, Minister of Economic Development and Job Creation and Trades, and Michael Mantha, MPP – Algoma Manitoulin.

CARRIED.

**12.5 *Electronic Delegation, Municipality of St-Joseph (Resolution)***

The concept of Electronic Delegation is that a municipalities should not have to send a delegation to a conference to be able to meet with a minister. There is technology in place where this can be done. The concept would be that ministers would have time set aside or the ability to have electronic delegation at various times throughout the year for Municipalities to have their 10-15 minutes, similar to what they have at a conference.

**Moved by:** J. Wildman **R. 2019-16 (b)**

**Seconded by:** B. Mersereau

**WHEREAS** small and rural municipalities are unable to attend conferenced due to the expense these conferences located in Southern Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** small and rural municipalities feel that it is unjust to expend monies to attend these conferences in order to have a delegation with the Provincial Ministers and Premier;

**NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Algoma District Municipal Association does hereby support the Township of Larder Lake's resolution and

requests the Provincial Ministers and Premier to offer electronic delegations to small and rural municipalities that do not have the financial resources to attend conferences, and such delegations would be ten to fifteen minutes in length through electronic means.

CARRIED.

**(13) NEXT MEETING**

***Date & Location of Next Meeting (resolution)***

**Moved by:** J. Dunbar                      **R.**    2019-17  
**Seconded by:** B. Nantel

**RESOLVED THAT** the Algoma District Municipal Association agrees that the next meeting will be held on April 25, 2020 in the Township of The North Shore, Ontario (Town Offices, Council Chambers, Algoma Mills).

CARRIED.

**(14) CLOSING REMARKS**

Mr. Watson thanked Mr. Whalen for attending the meeting.

Mayor J. Wildmen thanked those who stood for elections and also thanked Ms. C. Cyr for being the Executive Director for many years.

Mr. Watson thanked everyone who attended and thanked Ms. C. Cyr for all her hard work she has done for all these years with the Algoma District Municipal Association.

**(15) MEETING CLOSE**

**Moved by:** J. Wildmen    **R.** 2019-18  
**Seconded by:** S. Bailey

**RESOLVED THAT** the meeting close at 2:50 p.m.

CARRIED.

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**LYNN WATSON, VICE-PRESIDENT**

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**CATHY CYR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



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January 24, 2020

To: All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Ontario Power Generation's Deep Geologic Repository Project**

At its meeting held on January 20, 2020, Sarnia City Council considered the attached motion submitted by Councillor Margaret Bird with respect to the proposed Deep Geological Repository Project and adopted the following resolution:

***That Sarnia City Council support the halting of the construction of the Deep Geological Repository, in the Bruce Peninsular, so that less dangerous solutions can be found for the longer storage of nuclear waste; and***

***That Sarnia City Council instruct the Sarnia City Clerk to notify all 444 Ontario Municipalities, through AMO, by January 24th., 2020, of our objective; and***

***That the Sarnia City Clerk send a copy of our resolution to the County of Lambton Clerk, along with all the County Councillors, asking for their endorsement.***

Sarnia City Council respectfully seeks your endorsement of this resolution. If your municipal council endorses this resolution, we would request that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the following:

Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change  
[ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca); and

City of Sarnia, City Clerk's Office  
[clerks@sarnia.ca](mailto:clerks@sarnia.ca)

Sincerely,



Dianne Gould-Brown  
City Clerk

Attachment: Motion submitted by Councillor Margaret Bird

## **MOTION**

**I am asking for:**

**a) An urgent resolution of Council to support the halting of the construction of the Deep Geological Repository, in the Bruce Peninsular, so that less dangerous solutions can be found for the longer storage of nuclear waste.**

**b) To instruct the Sarnia City Clerk to notify all 444 Ontario Municipalities, through AMO, by January 24<sup>th</sup>., 2020, of our objective.**

**b) For the Sarnia City Clerk to send a copy of our resolution to the County of Lambton Clerk, along with all the County Councillors, asking for their endorsement.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks.

Kind Regards,

Councillor Bird

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January 30, 2020

Dear Municipal Partner:

First, I want to take the opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year.

Further to the letter I sent you on December 16, 2019, I am pleased to notify you that our survey to inform the development of Ontario's next Poverty Reduction Strategy is now live on [Ontario.ca/povertysurvey](https://ontario.ca/povertysurvey) and will be available online until March 30, 2020.

Our government believes that the people of Ontario are the province's greatest asset and when the people of Ontario succeed, our economy and province succeed. It is our shared responsibility to create the best conditions for people to reach their potential. We need and we want to listen to municipalities, Indigenous partners, members of the community, service providers, employers, and local partners to find new and innovative ways to support people during challenging times and create the conditions that will help them build a better life.

To support the development of our new Poverty Reduction Strategy, we are asking residents of Ontario to take 30 minutes and answer our survey as we seek new ideas on how we can:

- Encourage job creation and connect people to employment
- Provide people with the right supports and services
- Lower the cost of living and make life more affordable.

As part of a new strategy, we will set a target for poverty reduction and identify indicators to measure progress to ensure we are achieving results.

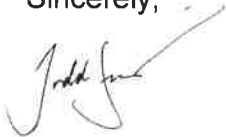
The survey can be accessed at [Ontario.ca/povertysurvey](https://ontario.ca/povertysurvey). Please feel free to share the survey link with your community members and colleagues.

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In addition, we are also welcoming written submissions that can be sent by e-mail to [prso@ontario.ca](mailto:prso@ontario.ca) or by mail to Poverty Reduction Strategy, 3rd Floor, 315 Front Street West, Toronto ON, M7A 0B8. If there are any questions on how any personal information such as names and addresses that are included with a submission will be used, please contact: Manager, Strategic Policy Unit, MCCSS by e-mail at [prso@ontario.ca](mailto:prso@ontario.ca) or by telephone at (647) 308-9963.

I encourage you to share information about this consultation, including the survey link, with service providers, Indigenous partners and businesses in your community. I look forward to receiving input from Ontario residents as we work together to make a difference in reducing poverty in the province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Smith", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Todd Smith  
Minister