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Media Release

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Municipal Conference, hosted by the City of Timmins, was held virtually on Tuesday, May 18th, 2021. Using the ZOOM platform provided an opportunity to hear from over 20 presenters, including Prime Minister Trudeau, Premier Ford, Telesat, FedNor, Starlink, intact Insurances, and the ONTC. FONOM will make a donation to two Timmins charities in the name of each of the presenters, the Anti-Hunger Coalition & the Youth Wellness Hub. There was also a Minister Forum where seven Ministers responded to questions from the FONOM Membership. The leaders of the Provincial Opposition Parties shared their views with the participants. With the support of twenty different sponsors there was no cost to view the conference content.

The presentation will be posted on FONOM's YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_2kLITxVPrJOMhgNvPMxtQ

President Danny Whalen commented, "it was important for the membership to come together to discuss virtually our common issues," and "the Broadband presentations from Telesat and Starlink, gives us hope that our rural Region will be connected to the world soon."

This year's conference theme is "GoNorth," and the Timmins Showcase highlighted the opportunity and lifestyle that Northern Ontario has to offer. President Danny Whalen highlighted the promotional campaign that FONOM has undertaken, promoting Northern Ontario as a Healthy place to work and live.

Mayor Georges Bilodeau of the Municipality of Huron Shores was presented FONOM's Executive Award for his exemplary work on Broadband. "The Communities of Huron and Manitoulin are lucky to have such great leader who has worked tirelessly for the municipalities on the North Shore," noted President Whalen.

Next year's FONOM Conference will be held in North Bay on May 9th, 10th, and 11th, 2022.

FONOM is an association of some 110 districts/municipalities/cities/towns in northeastern Ontario mandated to work for the betterment of municipal government in Northern Ontario and to strive for improved legislation respecting local government in the north. It is a membership-based association that draws its members from northeastern Ontario and is governed by an 11-member board.



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