

YEAR IN REVIEW

MNO 33RD AGA / MNO Annual Report 2025-26

Name of PCMNO Councillor	Region / Position
SUZANNE B. FORTIN, CPA	PCMNO REGIONAL COUNCILOR, REGION 5 MATTAWA/OTTAWA RIVER and KILLARNEY

Introductory Message about work within the Region in 2025-26

The Mattawa/Ottawa River and Killarney historical communities are comprised of three community council areas: Mattawa, North Bay and Sudbury. We have in excess of 2,770 citizens in our region, and more than 675 registered harvesters.

Key projects currently in the works for 2026-27 include the Our Story project, medical aids program, youth school support, youth sports support, post secondary support, hunting and boating courses.

The first annual regional rendezvous is scheduled to be held in North Bay, July 25, 2026. The 2027 regional rendezvous committee will meet in early 2027 to commence planning our second regional rendezvous and choose the next location.

Our councils are supported with funding from regional revenue sharing, IFFA, and proponents.

Highlights and Key Achievements

As your Regional Councillor, I have been active on the following items throughout the year:

- Continually advocating for Region 5 citizens at the PCMNO level.
- Continue to work on several new proponent agreements with legal. This is a very in-depth process which can take several years to complete before we are able to see the benefits which may include but are not limited to: funding, business opportunities, education/training opportunities, and jobs.
- The Our Story project is still ongoing as we continue to share our stories.
- Together with President Froh, met with MPPs in our region.
- Participating with the Restorative Justice Advocacy program.
- Started developing the Terms of Reference for the Harvesting Restorative Justice.
- Working with businesses to develop education and job opportunities. More to follow in the coming months.
- Continued Regional supports for post secondary student grants.
- Continued Regional distribution of supports for extra curricular and high school supplies.
- Developed the medical aid supports protocol that launched May, 2025 and again in May, 2026.
- Continue to develop the Region 5 Metis Business Directory.

Meetings / Projects / Partnerships / Committee Participation / Other Activity
- Attendance at semi-annual proponent meetings. - Held monthly R5CC meetings and quarterly tri-council regional meetings. - Multiple in person Lands Resources Committee (LRC) meetings. - Attendance at school Indigenous Day events. - Attendance at PDAC. - Attendance at the AGA in Sault Ste. Marie. - Attend meetings for the Cultural Hub Indigenous Centre in Sudbury. - Attendance at council events. - Spoke at the Founder's Day event in North Bay. - Attendance at Indigenous Blessing Ceremony in Sudbury. - Attendance at the opening of the Indigenous Centre at College Boreal. - Working with PCMNO on the development of the Self Government Agreement. - Attendance at all Self-Government Roundtables. - Hosted Self-Government Roundtable meetings in each council area. - Multiple in person Lands Resources Committee (LRC) meetings. - Attendance at school Indigenous Day events. - Submission to MNO to host an AGA in North Bay; however, we were not successful. - Attended updates on regional forestry issues. - Chair of the Region 5 Consultation Committee. - Work with council presidents and regional manager on the Regional Revenue Sharing and IFFA Budgets for Region 5. - Attend all Region 5 Lands and Resource Committee meetings, and Grounds for Consultation meetings.. - Attend City of Greater Sudbury Indigenous Cultural Hub planning meetings. - Attend AFFES Indigenous Relations with the Ministry of Natural Resources. - Climate Change Meetings. - Attend confidential Legal discussions regarding Region 5. - CNL Environmental Stewardship Council. - Attendance at local Pow Wows to represent the MNO. - Attendance at the MNC Annual Meeting.

- Representation at College Boreal events.
- Attend Laurentian University Indigenous Celebrations.

Other Comments

I continue to be grateful to the Region 5 citizens for electing me as their Regional Councillor.

If you have ideas on projects or services you would like to see within our Region, please reach out to me.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have questions about our region and MNO!

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