

Business & Entrepreneurship

1. Market the North
2. Set up SME ombudsman to ensure reverse accountability for government
3. Change Rev Can audit system to lessen burden on SME's
4. Review municipal tax assessment to enable SME's to grow
5. Encourage government ministries to designate a point person for business to be a red-tape escort
6. Set up industry cluster councils directed and controlled by N. O.

7. Engage schools, develop entrepreneurship course in schools
8. Municipal ombudsman to avoid conflict of interest at councils
9. Focus tourism to illustrate technical innovation in N.O.
10. Use lifestyle as a promo tool to encourage in-migration
11. Engage youth in community decision making
12. Clean air, tax base, arable land are tools for business attraction
13. Develop schools in N.O. to attract youth
14. Positive, vibrant tourism industry can be a vehicle for business attraction
15. Promote N.O. products locally and regionally

16. Establish committees that illustrate quality of life benefits to professionals, skilled trades, and their families. Proactive approach.
17. Urge political municipal support for youth entrepreneurship programs currently being offered in N.O.
18. Outreach from N.O. champions to encourage former Northerners to return and new Northerners to move north
19. Work together to recognize and communicate the advantages of living in N. O.
20. Expedite ability to market N.O. by getting the right people together. Leadership needed to develop marketing
21. Cooperative marketing of communities, industries, operators

22. Municipalities need to introduce concessions to assist start-ups (land, tax breaks, etc.)
23. Provide youth with education and training \$'s tied to residency
24. Focus on existing businesses for growth
25. One-stop shopping for regulations
26. Establish business incubators for short-term residency, provide advisory services
27. Encourage establishment of funding for incubator models
28. Private sector incubators
29. B2B networks and joint venture arrangements, EDC's can facilitate

30. Municipal assistance to entrepreneurs to facilitate navigating rules and reg's
31. Collective move to assist small-business development and ease start-up pain, simplify start up process
32. Utilize business and enterprise centres more effectively
33. Build a culture of entrepreneurship into municipal gov't, train staff
34. Entrepreneurship training and introduction needs to be direct exposure to realities of new business start-up
35. Open for business needs to be backed up with municipal system to enable business development. Full committee to help SME

36. BR&E programs need to be supported by direct action to business consultations and address existing business issues
37. Lobby federal and provincial gov'ts to reflect free market society – allow municipalities to support all business development
38. Include business community in common voice movement
39. Mechanism to feed N.O. SME concerns to government directly (Ombudsman, use Chambers, CFIB), need power to investigate and impose penalties
40. Open doors to international investment
41. Home-based business development should be encouraged