

FONOM Summit

Session Priorities

Natural Resources

- **Unified voice for Northern Ontario.**
 - Mechanism to be determined; suggestions include FONOM, Secretariat, more inclusive FONOM (First Nations, Francophone, etc)
 - Develop stronger partnerships with First Nations based on land-use and development
 - Gain control and say in Northern Economy
 - Lobby for tax rebate strategy toward infrastructure – Secretariat to get taxes back to N.O.
 - Address MNR processes and impact on N.O.
 - Water policy amendments to govern commercial water resources
- **Establishment of Centre of Excellence**
 - Natural Resource Based Industries, mining/exploration innovation, forestry, sustainable water protection, environmental technologies
 - Forestry school in Northeastern Ontario

Natural Resources

- **Capitalize on Hydro Development Opportunities and Port Development**

Government Services & the Public Sector

- **Northern Ontario must develop/demand a governance model that addresses Northern Ontario issues and gives Northern Ontario the ability to develop and influence policies that impact the North. i.e. Northern Ontario Secretariat.**
 - Northern Ontarians must be key players in developing policies specifically for and those impacting Northern Ontario.
 - A recognized go to organization for issues impacting Northern Ontario
- **Northern Ontario needs to focus on three or four key priorities and collectively work to develop/implement solutions to address these issues.**
 - **Unified collective voice to represent and take ownership of Northern Ontario Issues associated to Policy and Growth**

Transportation

- Develop a comprehensive Northern Ontario transportation strategy that addresses the critical role that air, water, roads, rail and communication play in the economic and social health of Northern communities.
- Involve all communities and industry partners
- Seaport for James Bay coast – intermodal access and opportunities – North South mentality instead of East West—”Russian ship arrives in Churchill”
- Importance of ONR to Northern Ontario – We need to take back control of this strategic resource, it is a Northern Ontario asset – reestablish and enhance ONR
- Need for a Northern Secretariat that would include a regional transportation authority with a mandate to develop policies and directions for northern development and northern sustainability.

Energy

- Northern Ontario should demand control of power supply and transmission of power generated and used in the North so power costs contribute to making the North more competitive.
 - Northern Ontario Power Authority;
 - Divide Ontario into four power entities one of which includes Northern Ontario. This would promote competitiveness, control power distribution, give more control to the North, regulate pricing, etc.
- Implement alternate sources of generating power -- Biomass, Water and Nuclear
- Make Energy a priority item that must be addressed collectively for the North

Health & Education

Education:

- Establish mechanisms that foster cooperation and partnerships between school boards, post secondary institutions and business to address the unique educational and training needs of northern communities, their businesses and their people.
 - Work with Economic development agencies at all levels of government
- Reform and up-date apprenticeship programs to meet the real needs of industry.
 - Work with industry and labour to tailor apprenticeship programs to the labour market needs of Northern business
 - Establish a “Premier’s Skilled Trades Council”, with a Northern Ontario voice

Health:

- Gain collective voice on Local Health Integration Networks and other government agencies that develop health care policies and services that impact the North.
 - Ensure Northern issues are known and addressed
 - Advocate and promote Northern Ontario as the site for a pilot project to test new strategies which address the crisis in long term care.
- Increase spaces in medical schools and develop strategies and policies designed to keep these medical graduates in the North.
 - Increase the capacity of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine

Business & Entrepreneurship

- Work with existing business to expand and retain
 - Get to know our current businesses and their needs
 - Use existing business to attract other business
- Collective, collaborative and complementary promotion and marketing of the North.
 - Attracting new business
 - Gain more involvement in how Provincial/Federal agencies promote Northern Ontario and targeting industries for the north
- Everyone plays a role in economic development; not just left to the economic development people
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Thank You



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