

2024 NOMA Annual Meeting & Conference Agenda

Wednesday, April 24, 2024, Location: Victoria Inn, Embassy Ballroom

12:00 pm	Registration Opens
1:00 pm (EST)	<p>Conference Welcome & Opening Remarks <i>Call to Order</i> <i>Bag Pipes played by Peter MacDonald</i> <i>Opening Prayer by Elder Sheila DeCorte, Fort William First Nations</i> <i>O'Canada sung by Laura Daniele</i> <i>Roll Call & Greetings from Mayor Wendy Landry, NOMA President</i> <i>Host Community Highlight: Municipality of Shuniah, Mayor Wendy Landry</i> <i>Greeting from the City of Thunder Bay – Mayor Ken Boshcoff</i> <i>Greeting from Fort William First Nations – Chief Michele Solomon</i> <i>Greeting from ROMA – Mayor Robin Jones, President</i></p>
1:30 pm	<p>Leader Addresses <i>Marit Stiles, Leader of NDP</i> <i>Bonnie Crombie, Leader of Ontario Liberal Party</i> <i>Mike Schreiner, Leader of Green Party</i></p>
2:00 pm	<p>AMO Update <i>Presented by: Colin Best, AMO President & Brian Rosborough, Executive Director</i></p>
2:20 pm	<p>MPAC: Sharing Property Insights and Meeting the Evolving Needs of our Northern Partners <i>Presented by: Al Spacek – Board Chair, Nicole McNeill – President & CAO and Carmelo Lipsi – VP & COO</i></p>
2:40 pm	<p>Building Municipal and Indigenous Partnerships <i>Presented by: Joe Moses, CEO of Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg & VP of Nokiiwin Economic Development Corporation & Vicki Blanchard, Blanchard & Associates</i></p>
3:20 pm	Health Break
3:30 pm	<p>Transportation Discussion <i>Presented by: Judy Dezell, Director AMO Enterprise Centre, Business Partnerships, LAS & Wendy Landry, Chair, Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force</i></p>
4:00 pm	<p>Key Advocacy Initiatives that represent Northern issues <i>Presented by: Andrew Siegwart, President & CEO, Tourism Industry Association of Ontario (TIAO)</i></p>
4:10 pm	<p>Working Together to Grow Tourism in Northwestern Ontario <i>Panelists: David MacLachlan, Executive Director, Destination Northern Ontario, Paul Anthony Pepe, Manager, Tourism Thunder Bay, Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission, Dan Bevilacqua, Executive Director, Superior Country, Todd Eastman, Director of Northern Partnerships & Marketing, Destination Ontario & Denise Atkinson, Anishinaabe ikwe, Red Rock Indian Band <i>Moderated by: Andrew Siegwart, President & CEO, Tourism Industry Association of Ontario</i></i></p>
4:40 pm	<p>Northwestern Ontario's Energy Future <i>Presented by: Ahmed Maria, Director of Transmission, IESO</i></p>
5:10 pm	<p>NOMA Annual General Meeting (78th)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order 2. Approval of minutes of 77th Annual General meeting 3. Approval to receive the Presidents Report 4. Approval of Auditors Report & 2023 Financial Statements 5. Appointment of Auditors for 2024 6. Approval of 2024 Operating Estimates 7. Business Transacted 8. Economic Development Plan 9. Resolutions Committee 10. Adjournment
6-8 pm	<p>Opening Reception and Trade Show (Regency Rooms) <i>Join your colleagues for networking, appetizers, and a cash bar. Be sure to visit the exhibitors!</i></p>

Thursday, April 25, 2024: Victoria Inn, Embassy Ballroom

(EST) 7:45 am to 5:00 pm Registration & Expo

7:45 am	Buffet Breakfast & Exhibitor Booth	
	<i>Value of Hydro Electric Power: join Ahmad Al-Ali, Director, Business Development, Ontario Power Generation & Paul Norris, President Ontario Waterpower Association at 8am – moderated by Al Spacek</i>	
8:30 am	Leadership <i>Presented by: Liana Frenette, CEO, TBT Engineering Ltd.</i>	
8:45 am	Economic Development Opportunities for Northwestern Ontario <i>Presented by: Valerie Gideon, President, FEDNOR</i>	
9:00 am	Addressing the Health Care Crisis in Northwestern Ontario <i>Presented by: Dr. Sarita Verma, President, Vice Chancellor, Dean & CEO of NOSM University & Dr. Owen Prowse, Vice-President, Clinical Partnerships and Hospital Relations of NOSM University</i>	
9:25 am	Ontario's Forestry Industry Update <i>Presented by: Ian Dunn, President and CEO, Ontario Forestry Industry Association</i>	
9:55 am	Coffee Break with Exhibitors	
10:35 am	Rural Ontario Medical Program: The Next Generation of Healthcare Professionals <i>Presented by: Michelle Hunter, Program Manager, Rural Ontario Medical Program (ROMP)</i>	
10:55 am	Social Engineering and Cyber Insurance – The 2024 Reality for Municipalities <i>Presented by: Jess Jaremchuk, Vice President, Risk Management Services, Intact Public Entities</i>	
11:15 am	NWMO Update <i>Presented by: Joanne Jacyk, Site Director – Ignace, Nuclear Waste Management Organization</i>	
11:30 am	Energizing Life for People and Communities <i>Presented by: Alexandra Moskalyk- Senior Manager, Community Relations, Hydro One</i>	
11:45 am 11:55 am	Lunch Buffet Keynote Althia Raj - The State of Canadian Politics <i>She will share a behind the scenes look at the inner workings of Ottawa and today's political landscape.</i>	
12:45 pm	Minister Graydon Smith – Forestry Update	
12:50 pm Concurrent Session	Encouraging Youth to Consider Municipal Public Works (Embassy Ballroom) <i>Presented by: Kelly Elliott, Marketing and Communications Specialist, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS)</i>	Building Brighter Futures with Data (Kensington Room) <i>Presented by: Sarah Benčić, GIS Innovation Coordinator, CRIBE</i>
1:20 pm	Transition/Stretch Break	
1:25 pm Concurrent Session	Connecting Communities: Networking Session (Embassy Ballroom) <i>Moderated by: Councillor Eric Pietsch of Greenstone</i>	CAO Succession Planning (Kensington Room) <i>Presented by: Scott Vokey, Executive Director, Ontario Municipal Administrators Association</i>
1:55pm	The Power of Partnerships <i>Presented by: Carol Cline, Dean, Workforce Development, Confederation College</i>	
2:40 pm	Coffee Break with Exhibitors – Final	
3:10 pm	Minister Andrea Khanjin, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Update	
3:15 pm	Municipal Growth Framework <i>Presented by: Rachel Rizzuto, Rural and Northern Policy Officer, Policy, and Public Affairs, FCM</i>	
3:45 pm Concurrent Session	From Risk to Resilience: Charting the Course for Rural and Urban Development (Embassy Ballroom) <i>Panelists: James Heigh Colliers Project Leaders, Kerri Marshall, City of Thunder Bay, & Monica Budiselic, Matawa First Nation - Moderated by Wes Bova</i>	A New Era of Modular Construction: Solution to the Housing Crisis (Kensington Room) <i>Presented by: Chris Holland, Sales Manager – Thunder Bay Region, Smart Modular Canada</i>
4:30 pm	Keynote: Celebrating the North - Municipal Success Stories <i>Presented by: Judy Dezell, Director AMO Enterprise Centre, Business Partnerships, LAS</i>	
5:00 pm	Prize Wheel <i>Must be in attendance to win. Limited 1 win/person (if you win an exhibitor prize you will not be eligible to win at the wheel)</i>	
6:00 pm	Pre-Dinner Reception in Tradeshow - Regency A & B (cash bar)	
6:45 pm	Gala Dinner followed by entertainment at 7:45pm - Mackinley Delusions Round 2 – Embassy Ballroom	

Friday, April 26, 2024, Location: Victoria Inn, Embassy Ballroom

7:45 am (EST)	<i>Buffet Breakfast</i>
8:25 am	Labour Market Trends <i>Presented by: Gary Christian, Executive Director, North Superior Workforce Planning Board</i>
8:50 am	Attracting Youth to Municipal Government <i>Presented by: Animki Courchene and Sawyer Redden, Student Councilors, Township of Marathon & Henry Khamonde, AMO Youth Fellow</i>
9:05 am	Agriculture is Economic Development <i>Presented by: Chloe Langlois, Economic and Business Advisor, Labour, Trade and Economic Development Branch, Ontario Ministry of Food, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)</i>
9:45 am	<i>Health Break</i>
9:50 am	Sol Mamakwa - Deputy Leader of NDP
10:00 am	MP Patty Hajdu – Thunder Bay-Superior North
10:10 am	MP Eric Melillo – Kenora
10:20 am	MPP Lise Vaugeois - Thunder Bay-Superior North
10:30 am	MPP Kevin Holland – Thunder Bay-Atikokan & PA to Minister of Mines
10:40am	Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development & Minister of Indigenous Affairs
10:50 am	Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
11:00 am	Minister Forum <i>Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing</i> <i>Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development & Minister of Indigenous Affairs</i> <i>Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges, and Universities</i> <i>Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources & Forestry</i> <i>Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs</i> <i>Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services</i> <i>Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education</i>
12:00pm (EST)	<i>End of conference – take home lunch</i>

