

## 2024 NOMA Annual Meeting & Conference Agenda

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

12:00 pm	<b>Registration Opens</b>
1:00 pm (EST)	<b>Conference Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b> <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 Susanna DiGiuseppe</i> <i>Roll Call &amp; 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>
1:35 pm	<b>Leader Addresses</b> <i>Marit Stiles, Leader of NDP</i> <i>Bonnie Crombie, Leader of Ontario Liberal Party</i> <i>Mike Schreiner, Leader of Green Party</i>
2:05 pm	<b>AMO Update</b> <i>Presented by: Colin Best, AMO President &amp; Brian Rosborough, Executive Director</i>
2:25 pm	<b>MPAC: Sharing Property Insights and Meeting the Evolving Needs of our Northern Partners</b> <i>Presented by: Al Spacek – Board Chair, Nicole McNeill – President &amp; CAO and Carmelo Lipsi – VP &amp; COO</i>
2:45 pm	<b>Building Municipal and Indigenous Partnerships</b> <i>Presented by: Joe Moses, CEO of Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg &amp; VP of Nokiiwin Economic Development Corporation &amp; Vicki Blanchard, Blanchard &amp; Associates</i>
3:20 pm	<b>Health Break</b>
3:30 pm	<b>Transportation Discussion</b> <i>Presented by: Judy Dezell, Director AMO Enterprise Centre, Business Partnerships, LAS &amp; Wendy Landry, Chair, Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force</i>
4:00 pm	<b>Key Advocacy Initiatives that represent Northern issues</b> <i>Presented by: <b>Andrew Siegwart</b>, President &amp; CEO, Tourism Industry Association of Ontario (TIAO)</i>
4:10 pm	<b>Working Together to Grow Tourism in Northwestern Ontario</b> <i>Panelists: <b>David MacLachlan</b>, Executive Director, Destination Northern Ontario, <b>Paul Anthony Pepe</b>, Manager, Tourism Thunder Bay, Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission, <b>Dan Bevilacqua</b>, Executive Director, Superior Country, <b>Todd Eastman</b>, Director of Northern Partnerships &amp; Marketing, Destination Ontario &amp; <b>Denise Atkinson</b>, Anishinaabe ikwe, Red Rock Indian Band</i> <i>Moderated by: <b>Andrew Siegwart</b>, President &amp; CEO, Tourism Industry Association of Ontario</i>
4:40 pm	<b>Northwestern Ontario's Energy Future</b> <i>Presented by: Ahmed Maria, Director of Transmission, IESO</i>
5:10 pm	<b>NOMA Annual General Meeting (78<sup>th</sup>)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call to Order</li> <li>2. Approval of minutes of 77<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting</li> <li>3. Approval to receive the Presidents Report</li> <li>4. Approval of Auditors Report &amp; 2023 Financial Statements</li> <li>5. Appointment of Auditors for 2024</li> <li>6. Approval of 2024 Operating Estimates</li> <li>7. Business Transacted</li> <li>8. New Business – NOMA Economic Development Plan – Time to Grow DRAFT</li> <li>9. Resolutions Committee</li> <li>10. Adjournment</li> </ol>
6-8 pm	<b>Opening Reception and Trade Show (Regency Rooms)</b> <i>Join your colleagues for networking, appetizers, and a cash bar. Be sure to visit the exhibitors!</i>

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

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

7:45 am	<b>Buffet Breakfast &amp; Exhibitor Booth</b>	
	<i>Value of Hydro Electric Power: join Ahmad Al-Ali, Director, Business Development, Ontario Power Generation &amp; Paul Norris, President Ontario Waterpower Association at <b>8am</b> – moderated by Al Spacek</i>	
8:30 am	<b>Leadership</b> <i>Presented by: Liana Frenette, CEO, TBT Engineering Ltd.</i>	
8:45 am	<b>Economic Development Opportunities for Northwestern Ontario</b> <i>Presented by: Valerie Gideon, President, FEDNOR</i>	
9:00 am	<b>Addressing the Health Care Crisis in Northwestern Ontario</b> <i>Presented by: Dr. Sarita Verma, President, Vice Chancellor, Dean &amp; CEO of NOSM University &amp; Dr. Owen Prowse, Vice-President, Clinical Partnerships and Hospital Relations of NOSM University</i>	
9:25 am	<b>Ontario's Forestry Industry Update</b> <i>Presented by: Ian Dunn, President and CEO, Ontario Forestry Industry Association</i>	
9:55 am	<b>Coffee Break with Exhibitors</b>	
10:35 am	<b>Rural Ontario Medical Program: The Next Generation of Healthcare Professionals</b> <i>Presented by: Michelle Hunter, Program Manager, Rural Ontario Medical Program (ROMP)</i>	
10:55 am	<b>Social Engineering and Cyber Insurance – The 2024 Reality for Municipalities</b> <i>Presented by: Jess Jaremchuk, Vice President, Risk Management Services, Intact Public Entities</i>	
11:15 am	<b>NWMO Update</b> <i>Presented by: Joanne Jacyk, Site Director – Ignace, Nuclear Waste Management Organization</i>	
11:30 am	<b>Energizing Life for People and Communities</b> <i>Presented by: Alexandra Moskalyk- Senior Manager, Community Relations, Hydro One</i>	
11:45 am 11:55 am	<b>Lunch Buffet</b> <b>Keynote Althia Raj - The State of Canadian Politics</b> <i>She will share a behind the scenes look at the inner workings of Ottawa and today's political landscape.</i>	
12:45 pm	<b>Minister Graydon Smith – Forestry Update</b>	
12:50 pm <b>Concurrent Session</b>	<b>Encouraging Youth to Consider Municipal Public Works (Embassy Ballroom)</b> <i>Presented by: Kelly Elliott, Marketing and Communications Specialist, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS)</i>	<b>Building Brighter Futures with Data (Kensington Room)</b> <i>Presented by: Sarah Benčić, GIS Innovation Coordinator, CRIBE</i>
1:20 pm	<b>Transition/Stretch Break</b>	
1:25 pm <b>Concurrent Session</b>	<b>Connecting Communities: Networking Session (Embassy Ballroom)</b> <i>Moderated by: Councillor Eric Pietsch of Greenstone</i>	<b>CAO Succession Planning (Kensington Room)</b> <i>Presented by: Scott Vokey, Executive Director, Ontario Municipal Administrators Association</i>
1:55pm	<b>The Power of Partnerships</b> <i>Presented by: Carol Cline, Dean, Workforce Development, Confederation College</i>	
2:40 pm	<b>Coffee Break with Exhibitors – Final</b>	
3:15 pm	<b>Municipal Growth Framework</b> <i>Presented by: Rachel Rizzuto, Rural and Northern Policy Officer, Policy, and Public Affairs, FCM</i>	
3:45 pm <b>Concurrent Session</b>	<b>From Risk to Resilience: Charting the Course for Rural and Urban Development (Embassy Ballroom)</b> <i>Panelists: James Heigh Colliers Project Leaders, Kerri Marshall, City of Thunder Bay, &amp; Monica Budiselic, Matawa First Nation - Moderated by Wes Bova</i>	<b>A New Era of Modular Construction: Solution to the Housing Crisis (Kensington Room)</b> <i>Presented by: Chris Holland, Sales Manager – Thunder Bay Region, Smart Modular Canada</i>
4:30 pm	<b>Keynote: Celebrating the North - Municipal Success Stories</b> <i>Presented by: Judy Dezell, Director AMO Enterprise Centre, Business Partnerships, LAS</i>	
5:00 pm	<b>Prize Wheel</b> <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	<b>Pre-Dinner Reception in Tradeshow - Regency A &amp; B (cash bar)</b>	
6:45 pm	<b>Gala Dinner followed by entertainment at 7:45pm - Mackinley Delusions Round 2 – Embassy Ballroom</b>	

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

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

