

**Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association
Conference and Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Superior Inn Hotel and Conference Centre

10:30 am	Registration Opens – Lobby, Superior Inn Hotel and Conference Centre
12:30 pm	Conference Welcome & Opening Remarks Call to Order Opening Prayer by Elder Sheila DeCorte, Fort William First Nations Bag Pipes – Performed by Jeff Walters O Canada – Performed by Laura Daniele Roll Call & Greetings from Mayor Wendy Landry, NOMA President Greeting from the City of Thunder Bay – Mayor Ken Boshcoff Greeting from Fort William First Nations – Chief Michele Solomon Greeting from ROMA – Mayor Christa Lowry, President Greeting from FONOM – Councillor Danny Whalen, FONOM President
1:10 pm	Leader Addresses Marit Stiles, Leader of NDP Bonnie Crombie, Leader of Ontario Liberal Party Mike Schreiner, Leader of Green Party
1:40 pm	AMO Update Presented by: Robin Jones, AMO President and Lindsay Jones, Director of Policy & Government Relations
2:10 pm	Northwest Ontario's Electricity Future: The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) plans for Ontario's electricity needs—today and tomorrow. Municipalities across the province are in a prime position to take charge of their economic futures, by shaping an electricity system that enables growth and prosperity for their communities. Join us to learn about how Northwestern Ontario municipalities can provide input into electricity infrastructure decisions and secure their energy future. Presented by: Carla Nell, Vice President, Corporate Relations, Engagement & Strategy
2:30 pm	Working Together to Power Northwestern Ontario Moderated by: Iain Angus, Co-Chair Northwest Energy Task Force Panelists: Ian Dunn, President OFIA; Paul Norris, President OWA; Aaron Del Pino Director, Hydro Business Development OPG; Sanjiv (Sonny) Karunakaran, Vice President, Strategic Projects & Partnerships Hydro One; Beverly Nollert, Director, Transmission Planning, IESO
3:30 pm	Health Break
4:00 pm	Strong Mayor Powers – What Does This Mean to Your Municipality Presented by: Krista Power, Director, Legislative Services & Clerk, City of Thunder Bay
4:30 pm	MPAC Update Presented by: Al Spacek – Board Chair, Nicole McNeill – President & CAO and Laura Voltti, Regional Manager

5:00 pm	79th NOMA Annual General Meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order 2. Approval of minutes of 78th Annual General meeting 3. Approval to receive the Presidents Report 4. Approval of Auditors Report & 2024 Financial Statements 5. Appointment of Auditors for 2025 6. Approval of 2025 Operating Estimates 7. Business Transacted 8. New Business 9. Resolutions Committee 10. Adjournment
5:45 pm	Appetizers with Exhibitors in the Trade Show (Regency Rooms) Join your colleagues for networking, appetizers, and a cash bar. Be sure to visit the exhibitors!
6:45 pm	Doors Open for Gala Dinner in the Embassy Ballroom followed by Dessert Entertainment of Mackinley's Delusions

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7:45 am	Registration and Breakfast Buffet	
8:00 am	Next Steps for the NWMO and the Northwest Region Moderated by: Mike Borelli Panelists: Jessica Perritt - Director Indigenous & Municipal Relations, Joanne Jacyk Director, Site Selection Intermediate Level Waste & Ulf Stahmer - Senior Transportation Engineer	
8:30 am	Innovative Municipal Solutions Tiny Home Project – Presented by: Daryl Skworchinski, CAO for the Town of Marathon Micro-Transit System – Presented by: Heather Pihulak, Director of Corporate Services & Clerk for the City of Kenora	
9:15 am	Lakehead University (Embassy Ballroom) Presented by: Andrew Dean, Vice President Research and Innovation, Lakehead University	Planning Law for Innovation and Growth (Kensington Room) Presented by: Chantelle Bryson, Lawyer, Potestio Law
10:00 am	Coffee Break with the Exhibitors	
10:30 am	The Future of AI and How Municipalities Should Prepare Presented by: Jessica Jaremchuk, Vice President, Risk Management Services, Intact Public Entities	
11:00 am	Keynote: Your Strategy Needs a Strategy: Why Most Strategic Planning is Bad & Doesn't Get You Where You Want to Go Presented by: Norm Gale, President, Norm Gale Strategies	
12:00 pm	Lunch Buffet Messages from the Federal Campaign Candidates Moderated by: Mayor Rick Dumas, Town of Marathon	
1:15 pm Concurrent Session	Harnessing the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program: Strategies for Workforce Sustainability & Economic Growth (Kensington Room) Presented by: Nathalie Wuta and Carol Michta, Ontario Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training, & Skills Development	Confederation College & The New Ontario College Landscape (Embassy Ballroom) Presented by: Michelle Salo, President, Confederation College

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2:00 pm	Investment Dollar Earned, Tax Dollar Saved Presented by: Martin Leclair, Vice President and Portfolio Manager - PH&N Institutional & Jason Hagan Program Manager, LAS/One Investment	
2:20 pm	Sol Mamakwa, MPP Kiiwetinoong	
2:30 pm	Coffee Break with the Exhibitors	
3:00 pm Concurrent Session	Labour Market Trends (Embassy Ballroom) Presented by: Gary Christian, Executive Director, North Superior Workforce Planning Board	Program Updates & Strategies for Procurement Efficiency (Kensington Room) Presented by: Sarah Hubble, Client Relations Manager, Canoe Procurement Group of Canada
3:30 pm	Rural and Remote Physician Services Coordination in Northern Ontario Presented by: Dr. Sarah Newberry	
3:45 pm	Keynote: Reimagine the Future Presented by: Shawn Kanungo	
5:00 pm	Prize Wheel Must be in attendance to win. Limited 1 win/person	
5:15 pm	Exhibitor Reception in Tradeshow Regency A & B (cash bar & Appetizers until 7:00 pm)	
	Dinner on your own Visit one of the many amazing restaurants Thunder Bay has to offer	

NOMA Conference 2025**Friday, April 25th, 2025**

7:45 am	Buffet Breakfast
8:30 am	Engaging Youth in Municipal Government Presented by: Maddison Matos and Karson Anthony from the Town of Marathon & Carleigh McKenzie-Marcellais from the Municipality of Red Lake, Student Councilors
8:45 am	AMCTO Municipal Innovation Internship Program Presented by: Jon Hall, Board Director, AMCTO & CAO of Terrace Bay
9:00 am	Driving Innovation Through Business Retention and Expansion Presented by: Chloe Langlois, Economic & Business Advisor, Rural Policy & Economic Development Branch, Ministry of Rural Affairs
9:30 am	Health Break
9:50 am	Lise Vaugois, MPP Thunder Bay – Superior North
10:00 am	Hon. Kevin Holland, MPP Thunder Bay – Atikokan, Associate Minister of Forestry & Forest Products
10:10 am	Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation Minister Responsible for Ring of Fire Economic and Community Partnerships
10:20 am	Hon. George Pirie, Ministry of Northern Development and Growth
10:30 am	Hon. Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
10:40 am	Introduction of the Ministers Table Hon. Stan Cho, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming Hon. Jill Dunlop, Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response Hon. Mike Harris, Ministry of Natural Resources Hon. Stephen Lecce, Ministry of Energy and Mines Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Hon. George Pirie, Ministry of Northern Economic Development & Growth Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Rural Affairs Hon. Kevin Holland, Associate Minister of Forestry and Forest Products Hon. Greg Rickford, Ministry of Indigenous Affairs & First Nations Economic Reconciliation & Minister Responsible for Ring of Fire Economic and Community Partnerships Hon. Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing
11:00 am	Ministers Forum Moderated by: Mayor Fred Mota, Municipality of Red Lake
12:15 pm	The 2025 NOMA Conference closes We wish you a safe journey home. Bagged lunch available for the trip.