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NOMA Conference & AGM coming up next week!

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Thunder Bay, ON - The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) is pleased to announce that the 2023 NOMA Conference & AGM will take place at the Victoria Inn, Thunder Bay from April 26th at 12pm to April 28th at 12pm (EST). Over 235 people registered for the conference including 135 delegates, 28 exhibitors, sponsors, and guests.

Participants will get to join in an exciting and interactive three-day agenda designed to learn from the lessons of sector and municipal leaders to help guide elected officials in their new term as elected officials. The theme of the conference is "New Beginnings from Lessons Learned".

The Conference Agenda and all relevant details is accessible on our website at Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association - NOMA 2023 Conference & AGM.

We have a keynote address from Author of 13 Ways to Kill your Community, Doug Griffiths. Dr. Peter Constantinou, professor at the School of Public Policy and Administration at York University and President and CEO of the Political Acuity Institute, will be joining us to discuss Political Acuity and Municipal Optics. Loretta Ryan, Executive Director of Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa), and Dan Nicholson, Manager of Community Planning Division at the City of Toronto will be joining us to discuss how public health intersects with municipal planning. There will also be a Lessons from Leaders panel discussion which brings together leaders from across Northwestern Ontario to discuss their experiences and insights and a panel discussion on how to build a relationship with your indigenous neighbours.

We secured 9 Minister's to join our Minister's Forum on April 28th from 11:00am to noon. Regional MP and MPPs will have an opportunity to address our delegates prior to the Forum. Minister Piccini will be hosting a roundtable session on Caribou April 27th from 1-2pm. Also joining us on April 26th is leader of NDP Marit Stiles and Deputy Leader Sol Mamakwa, MPP Stephen Blais from the Ontario Liberals, and Mike Schreiner from the Green Party.

Thank you to our amazing sponsors & supporters that helped make the Conference possible!

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