

A Growth Plan for Northern Ontario

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Message from the Ministers

Building the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario

Important steps are being taken as we work to finalize the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario.

The response and interest from northerners in the Proposed Growth Plan for Northern Ontario, released last October, has been unprecedented. Thank you for your contributions and the insights that you have shared.

Our two ministries are now working with 15 other provincial ministries to reflect the feedback and ideas from northerners in the development of a final plan and its implementation.

The final plan – expected to be

released by the end of the year – will be a strategic plan that guides decision-making and investment planning over the next 25 years. It will focus decisions to build a regional economy that is resilient and sustainable, gives northerners more education and career choices, and attracts new people and investments.

The Open Ontario plan, introduced in February’s Throne Speech and detailed in the 2010 Budget, provides strong indica-

tions on how our government will support the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario over its first five years. Open Ontario initiatives and investments will help set the foundation for the Growth Plan’s long-term, 25-year approach.

We look forward to finalizing the Growth Plan this year to build a strong, prosperous North.

We know the plan will be ambitious. It will take time to achieve and will take the collective efforts of us all.

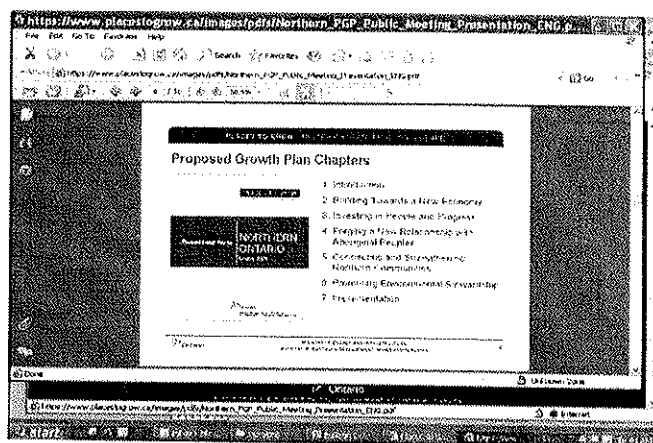
*Hon. Michael Gravelle
Minister of Northern Development,
Mines and Forestry*

*Hon. Brad Duguid
Minister of Energy and
Infrastructure*

Bringing the Growth Plan Home

Over the next while, the ministries will be considering northerners’ feedback, and working with colleagues in at least 15 relevant partner ministries to finalize the Growth Plan, and to determine how the Growth Plan will be put in place, monitored and measured.

The ministries continue to work with Aboriginal people in developing the final Growth Plan, and may need to have further discussions with northerners as details of the final Growth Plan are realized.



Northerners are Passionate About Their Region

Since its release last October, the Proposed Growth Plan for Northern Ontario has generated close to 300 submissions from individuals, municipalities, educational institutions, industry and community organizations across Northern Ontario.

More than 1,400 northerners participated in 10 public information sessions and more than 40 videoconferences, meetings and workshops to review and provide input on the Proposed Growth Plan.

Many groups organized special meetings to bring together communities and individuals from across sectors to discuss and provide their input.

More than 260 people from First Nations, Métis and Aboriginal organizations have also reviewed the proposed plan and provided input at 10 regional workshops over the past few months.

We will continue to engage Aboriginal leadership as the final plan is developed. More than 130 youth, including high school, college and university students, and

young professionals building their careers in the North have also provided input.

Those responding have shown a keen interest in the future of Northern Ontario and have passionate views on how best to support it.

Every respondent has offered unique insights, whether commenting on the Proposed Growth Plan as a whole, or focusing on a particular area of interest. This feedback will be very useful in developing the final plan.

Visit the [Proposed Growth Plan for Northern Ontario](#) for more information on the draft document.

What We've Heard

In general, we've heard some common threads in northerners' responses:

They've liked:

- The idea of a Growth Plan for Northern Ontario, and its comprehensive, long-term approach to growing the North
- That the Proposed Growth Plan builds on previous reports by northerners, and reflects earlier feedback
- That the Proposed Growth Plan recognizes the importance of First Nations and Métis people in the future of Northern Ontario.

They've identified priority directions:

- Promote more local, value-added processing of resources and the development of new products to help diversify the economy and create more jobs
- Build networks of business and technical experts to support innovation and commercial success
- Match education and skills training to jobs in traditional industries that are changing, and jobs in new, knowledge-based industries
- Refine educational policies and programs to improve access to all levels of education and to ensure more graduates
- Give priority to broadband and transportation improvements that connect people to services and to economic opportunities
- Plan for vibrant, attractive, accessible communities to retain and attract youth, families and workers in knowledge-based jobs
- Improve opportunities for Aboriginal peoples to participate in the economy
- Build on the significant resource that is the North's Francophone population
- Implement a plan that sets out the timing and details for achieving the Growth Plan's strategies.

Open Ontario Supports Growth Plan

The government's Open Ontario plan was introduced in February 2010 in the Speech from the Throne and detailed in the 2010 Budget. Open Ontario is a five-year plan that will open Ontario to change, opportunities and the new world.

Open Ontario initiatives and investments will help set the foundation for the Growth Plan's long-term, 25-year approach.

Creating a Resilient and Sustainable Regional Economy

Open Ontario lays a strong foundation for the Growth Plan's vision of creating a regional economy that is resilient and sustainable by:

- Providing \$45 million over the next three years for a new training program to help Aboriginal peoples and Northern Ontarians participate

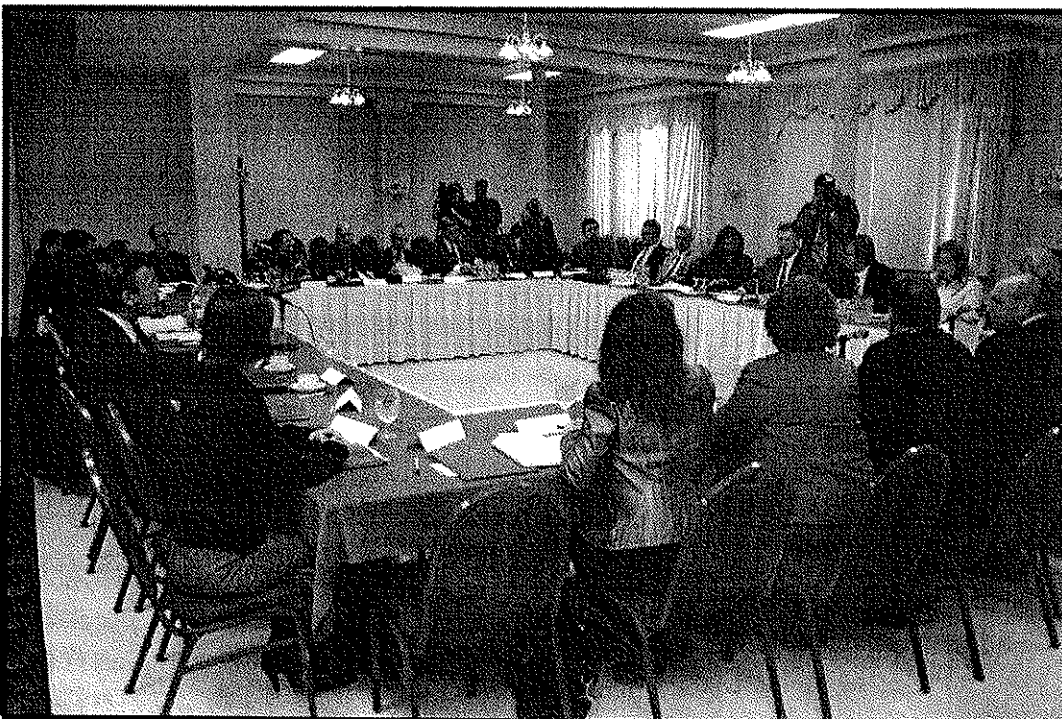
in and benefit from emerging economic development opportunities. Through this funding:

- Aboriginal communities and organizations will be better able to participate in resource-related activities
- Aboriginal and Northern Ontarians will gain transferable credentials and sustained employment in resource-related economic development opportunities.
- Establishing a Ring of Fire Coordinator to work and consult with Aboriginal peoples, Northern Ontarians and the mining community to encourage responsible and sustainable economic development related to the Ring of Fire – an area with

potentially large deposits of minerals such as chromite, nickel, copper and platinum

- Partnering with Sudbury and Thunder Bay to pilot economic development planning areas, as touched on in the Growth Plan
- Supporting northern forestry, mining and other industry through a three-year Northern Industrial Electricity Rate Program. The program will average \$150 million annually to help qualifying large industrial facilities reduce their electricity prices by about 25 per cent
- Increasing the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation funding by \$10 million to \$90 million this year to support job creation and strengthen the

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The February 2009 Think North Summit brought together international speakers and northerners to discuss a long-range economic blueprint for Northern Ontario. More than 400 northerners attended the Thunder Bay sessions in person. Many others participated through web cast or at KNet and Contact North videoconferencing facilities across the northern region.

Highways provide an economic lifeline for North

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economies of northern communities

- Investing a record \$770 million this year in northern highways – an almost 20-per-cent increase over last year. The Growth Plan focuses on the importance of good transportation infrastructure in the North, where the highways network is an economic lifeline
- Providing up to \$15 million to support Huron Central Railway's infrastructure investments on the Sault Ste. Marie to Sudbury rail line.

Improving Access to Training and Education

Open Ontario contains initiatives to improve northerners' access to

education and increase graduation levels, through:

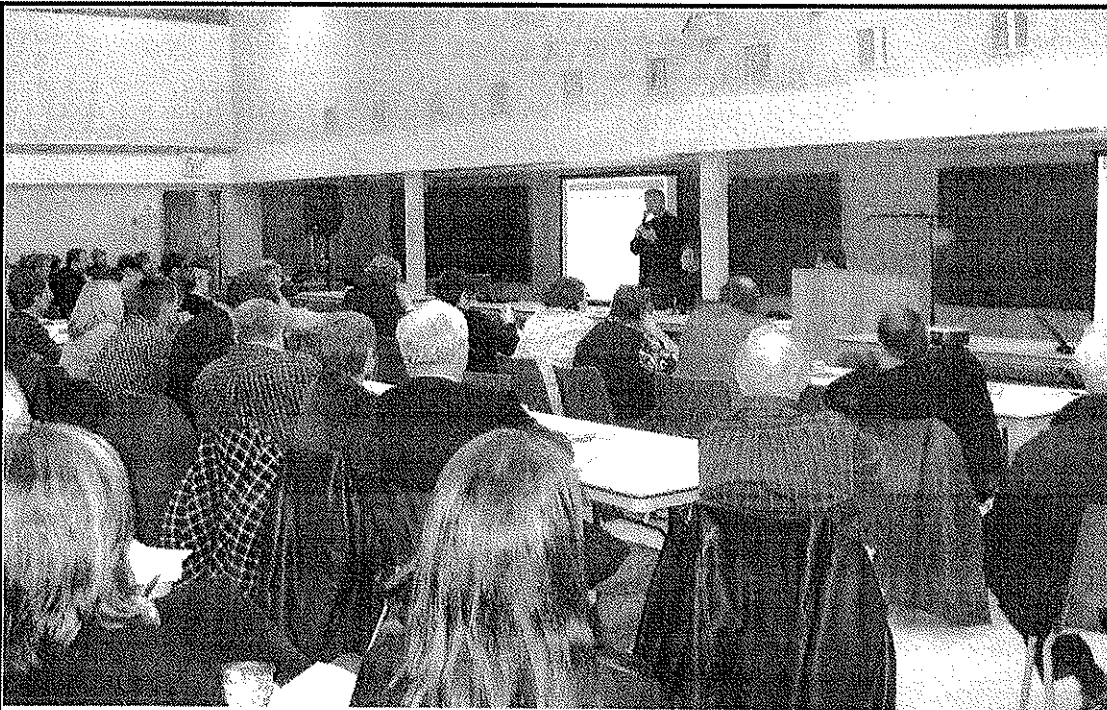
- Implementing the Targeted Initiative for Older Workers to help unemployed older workers
- Increasing postsecondary attainment rate by adding new spaces to northern colleges and universities
- Improving students' ability to navigate Ontario's post-

secondary system by providing additional resources to support the implementation of a credit transfer system.

Attracting New People and Investments

Open Ontario addresses the need to attract new people and investments to the region by:

- Taking an aggressive approach to the international marketing of Ontario's postsecondary schools, including those in Northern Ontario, to encourage the world's best students to study here, settle here and help build a stronger economy
- Opening markets and creating new trade opportunities for Ontario businesses, including those based in Northern Ontario, by securing new inter-provincial and international trade agreements.



Participants at a Fall 2009 discussion session in North Bay explored some of the ideas proposed in the draft Growth Plan. Once finalized, this bold 25-year plan will help chart a new economic direction for the North.

From: Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association [admin@noma.on.ca]
Sent: June 29, 2010 10:57 AM
To: Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association
Subject: MEDIA RELEASE: NOMA OUTLINES POSITION ON PROPOSED FOREST TENURE REFORM

MEDIA RELEASE

For immediate release: Tuesday, June 29, 2010

NOMA OUTLINES POSITION ON PROPOSED FOREST TENURE REFORM

THUNDER BAY – The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) has outlined its position on the “Proposed Framework to Modernize Ontario’s Forest Tenure and Pricing System”. The reform proposal outlines three main elements: 1) New Local Management Corporations; 2) Competitive Markets; and 3) A new revenue model. The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry is accepting responses on the proposal until Tuesday, June 29th.

President Anne Krassilowsky commented, “NOMA recognizes that the views of our members are diverse in regards to some specific details of the proposal for Forest Tenure Reform; however, we are also confident that there are many principles that are commonly shared that are vital to the revitalization of the forest industry. We also encourage each municipality to express their views on this issue based on the best interests of their community.”

The NOMA resolution reads as follows: “The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association calls upon the province to ensure that any reforms adhere to the following principles:

- Accommodate the business needs of the existing operating users both large and small, the dormant ones who are waiting for the market to return in order to restart their facilities and encourage new entrants, particularly value added in order to protect the existing job base and encourage new job creation in the forestry sector;
- Encourage fuller use of the forestry resources and promote the sustainability of the harvest;
- Reduce government bureaucracy in order to obtain and retain greater competitiveness with those outside Ontario;
- Permanent protection of Ontario’s 26 million cubic meters of sustainable industrial fibre; and
- Move quickly to clarify the considerable ambiguity around the existing proposals in order to stabilize future forest sector investments.”

NOMA represents the interests of municipalities from the City of Kenora in the west to the Township of Wawa in the east. It provides leadership in advocating regional interests to all orders of government and other organizations.

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For more information:
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Charla Robinson, Executive Director
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June 28, 2010

Dear Chief Administrative Officer,

Re: The Canadian Postal Service Charter and the Future

I am writing to follow-up on the federal government's 2008 review of Canada Post, which resulted in the establishment of the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*.

The Charter outlines the federal government's expectations for Canada Post. Mostly, it reiterates existing policy. For example, there is an expectation of five day a week delivery to every address in the country. But the Charter also acknowledges that providing postal services to rural areas is an integral part of universal postal service, which is very important. As well, the Charter includes an expectation that Canada Post will maintain "the moratorium on the closure of rural post offices."

While it's a good start, the Charter isn't altogether reasonable. The Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) believes this document needs to be dramatically improved, especially in relation to the moratorium on rural closures. I have attached a copy of a fact sheet which outlines a number of our concerns.

The *Canadian Postal Service Charter* is up for review every five years. We hope to make the case, over the next few years, for a vastly improved Charter.

Canada Post's plans for the future

CUPW is also concerned about the course that Canada Post Corporation is charting for the future.

Our public post office is the midst of modernizing and reviewing its operations. These initiatives will result in the destruction of jobs in hundreds of communities across the country. Canada Post's modernization plans alone could destroy thousands of positions.

The corporation is also planning on privatizing its contact centres and the National Philatelic Centre in Ottawa, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Antigonish and Fredericton. This move threatens to destroy over 300 jobs and erode the quality of this service.

As you know, the corporation is also cutting services by eliminating rural mailbox delivery, closing post offices and removing street letterboxes.

These service and job cuts undermine communities, especially small and rural communities that are already struggling to preserve local economies.



The cuts are also indicative of a Canada Post that is increasingly focused on commercial objectives rather than public policy objectives and the public interest.

We believe that, as a public institution, Canada Post should be taking a less commercial and more socially responsible approach as it transforms our post office for the future.

We also believe that our public post office should share the benefits of modernization with the public by preserving and improving public postal service and jobs. At the moment, Canada Post intends to use all the productivity gains from its \$2.5 billion modernization initiative to cut jobs and save millions annually.

From our perspective, there is no good reason why the management of a public institution such as Canada Post should assume all the benefits of modernization.

CUPW is hoping that you will consider encouraging Canada Post and the government to rethink its policies and practices by passing two resolutions:

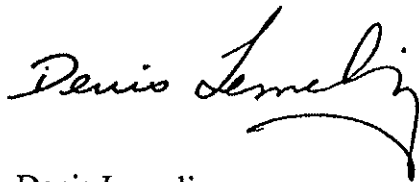
- One protesting the service and job cuts at Canada Post and urging the government to consult with people to develop an improved *Canadian Postal Service Charter*.
- Another endorsing a socially responsible vision of Canada Post, as outlined in the People's Postal Declaration.

CUPW would also like to encourage you to submit these resolutions at the next annual meeting of your provincial union, association or federation.

I have enclosed the resolutions and a copy of the People's Postal Declaration. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you very much for your ongoing interest in our public postal office and for considering this request.

Yours truly,



Denis Lemelin
National President

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c.c. NEC, REC, National Union Representatives, Regional Union Representatives, Specialists.

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Resolution on Canadian Postal Service Charter and Cuts to Public Postal Service and Jobs

WHEREAS Canada Post plans on cutting thousands of jobs in hundreds of communities across the country by modernizing and reviewing its operations and privatizing philatelic and call centres.

WHEREAS Canada Post is also cutting services by eliminating rural mail box delivery, closing post offices, removing street letter boxes and other means.

WHEREAS these cuts are indicative of a Canada Post that increasingly puts commercial interests before the public interest.

WHEREAS the government's *Canadian Postal Service Charter* does not adequately protect the public interest or the public nature of our post office, especially when Canada Post is considering cuts to public postal service or privatizing part of its operations (e.g. post offices, call centre, etc.)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the (name of municipality) write a letter to Rob Merrifield, the Minister responsible for Canada Post and ask that he 1) instruct Canada Post to stop cutting public postal service and jobs and start acting like the public service people want it to be 2) consult with the public, municipalities, members of Parliament, postal unions and other major stakeholders to dramatically improve the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*.

MAILING INFORMATION

Please send your resolution to: Rob Merrifield, Minister of State for Transport, Place de Ville, Tower C, 29th Floor, 330 Sparks Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N5.

Please send copies of your resolution to:

1. Denis Lemelin, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, 377 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1Y3
2. Your member of Parliament. You can get your MP's name, phone number and address by calling 1-800 463-6868 (at no charge) or going to the Parliament of Canada website: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/common/index.asp?Language=E>
3. Hans Cunningham, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
24 Clarence Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 5P3

Please consider submitting this resolution at the next annual meeting of your provincial union, association or federation. Thank you.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact George Floresco, 3rd National Vice President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, 377 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1Y3, (613-236-7238 ext 7909)

Resolution on People's Postal Declaration

WHEREAS Canada Post is spending \$2.5 billion on new plants, vehicles, equipment and other items to modernize our public post office.

WHEREAS the corporation is expecting to save millions annually from modernization, largely through productivity gains that pave the way for Canada Post to eliminate thousands of jobs in communities all across the country.

WHEREAS Canada Post is also making cuts to service by closing post offices, eliminating rural home delivery, removing street letterboxes and other means.

WHEREAS the gains flowing from postal modernization could be used to preserve and improve public postal services and jobs.

BE IT RESOLVED: That (name of municipality) agrees to sign the *People's Postal Declaration* which calls on Canada Post 1) to share the benefits of postal modernization with the people who own Canada Post – the public; 2) to pursue more socially responsible objectives as it transforms our post office for the future.

MAILING INFORMATION

Please send your resolution and a signed copy of the People's Postal Declaration to Denis Lemelin, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, 377 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1Y3

Please consider submitting this resolution at the next annual meeting of your provincial union, association or federation. Thanks you.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Canadian Postal Service Charter Needs Work

On Saturday, September 12, 2009, the federal Conservatives quietly announced a *Canadian Postal Service Charter* that outlines the government's expectations for Canada Post in regard to service standards and other matters.

The Charter largely reiterates existing policy and includes an expectation that Canada Post will maintain "the moratorium on the closure of rural post offices."

The Charter also acknowledges that providing postal services to rural areas is an integral part of universal postal service.

While it's a good start, the Charter isn't altogether reasonable.

1) Moratorium on closures needs to be clarified

The government has confirmed that the Charter maintains the existing moratorium.

The moratorium that has been in effect since 1994 protects public post offices in rural and small one-post-office towns.

Unfortunately, it appears that

Canada Post does not believe the moratorium protects the public nature of post offices. The corporation says each situation will be "determined on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the affected community."

The government needs to tell people if there is an expectation that the post offices and outlets covered by the moratorium are to be public offices and not private outlets.

2) Consultation period needs to be extended

The Charter says that the government expects Canada Post to inform people at least one month prior to closing, moving or amalgamating their public post office or changing their method of delivery. The corporation is also expected to explore options that address people's concerns. One month is not enough time. The government should dramatically extend the consultation period.

3) Exceptions to moratorium need to go

There are too many exceptions to the moratorium. Communities may

face post office closures due to retirement, illness, death, fire or termination of lease, etc. The exceptions should be removed from the Charter.

4) List of post offices covered by the moratorium needs to be publicly posted

The list of post offices covered by the moratorium has not been made public by Canada Post or the government. This list should be posted in a prominent place on Canada Post's website.

5) Consultation process needs to be posted

The process that is to be followed when Canada Post closes, moves or amalgamates a public post office or changes the method of delivery has not been made public by Canada Post or the government. This process should be posted in a prominent place on Canada Post's website.

6) Canada Post shouldn't report on its own performance in meeting Charter expectations

This job should be given to an independent Canada Post ombudsperson.

7) The public and key stakeholders need to be consulted on the Charter

The people who own Canada Post – the public – were never asked what a *Canadian Postal Service Charter* should say. The government should consult with the public, their elected representatives, postal unions and other major stakeholders to dramatically improve the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*, including developing a reasonable, uniform and democratic process for making changes to the postal and delivery network.

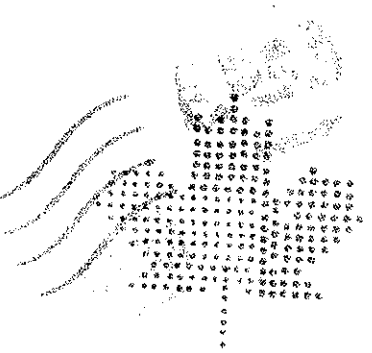
Note : This information was compiled on February 17, 2010. All information contained herein is accurate as of this date.

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CANADIAN POSTAL SERVICE CHARTER



Preamble

The Canada Post Corporation was created to provide a standard of postal service that meets the needs of the people of Canada. The Government of Canada is committed to ensuring transparency in how Canada Post provides quality postal services to all Canadians, rural and urban, individuals and businesses, in a secure and financially self-sustaining manner.

The Government has therefore established the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* to describe its expectations regarding Canada Post's service standards and related activities in providing postal services that meet the needs of consumers of postal services in Canada. These expectations are not intended to modify or derogate from Canada Post's obligations as set out in the *Canada Post Corporation Act* or any other legislation.

Universal Service

1. Canada Post will maintain a postal system that allows individuals and businesses in Canada to send and receive mail within Canada and between Canada and elsewhere. Canada Post will provide a service for the collection, transmission and delivery of letters, parcels and publications.
2. The provision of postal services to rural regions of the country is an integral part of Canada Post's universal service.

Affordable Rates

3. Canada Post will charge uniform postage rates for letters of similar size and weight, so that letters to Canadian addresses will require the same postage, regardless of the distance to reach the recipient.
4. As required by the *Canada Post Corporation Act*, Canada Post will charge postage rates that are fair and reasonable and, together with other revenues, are sufficient to cover the costs incurred in its operations.
5. Canada Post will provide advance notice of and publicly advertise proposed pricing changes for regulated letter mail products and consult with consumers during the rate-setting process.

Frequent and Reliable Delivery

6. Canada Post will deliver letters, parcels and publications five days a week (except for statutory holidays) to every Canadian address, except in remote areas where less frequent service may be necessary due to limited access to the community.
7. Canada Post will deliver to every address in Canada. This may be delivery to the door, a community mail box, group mail box, a rural mail box, a postal box, general delivery at the post office or delivery to a central point in apartment/office buildings.
8. Canada Post will deliver letter mail:
 - Within a community within two business days;
 - Within a province within three business days; and
 - Between provinces within four business days.

Convenient Access to Postal Services

9. Canada Post will provide an extensive network for accessing postal services that includes retail postal outlets, stamp shops and street letterboxes, as well as access to information and customer service through the Canada Post's website and call centres.
10. Canada Post will provide retail postal outlets, including both corporate post offices and private dealer operated outlets which are conveniently located and operated, so that:
 - 98 percent of consumers will have a postal outlet within 15 km;
 - 88 percent of consumers will have a postal outlet within 5 km; and
 - 78 percent of consumers will have a postal outlet within 2.5 km.
11. The moratorium on the closure of rural post offices is maintained. Situations affecting Canada Post personnel (e.g., retirement, illness, death, etc.) or Canada Post infrastructure (e.g., fire or termination of lease, etc.) may, nevertheless, affect the ongoing operation of a post office.

Secure Delivery

12. Canada Post will take into consideration the security and privacy of the mail in every aspect of mail collection, transmission and delivery.

Community Outreach and Consultation

13. Where Canada Post plans to change delivery methods, Canada Post will communicate, either in person or in writing, with affected customers and communities at least one month in advance to explain decisions and explore options that address customer concerns.
14. At least one month before deciding to permanently close, move or amalgamate corporate post offices, Canada Post will meet with affected customers and communities to jointly explore options and find practical solutions that address customer concerns.
15. Each year, Canada Post will hold an Annual Public Meeting open to the public to provide an opportunity for the public to express views, ask questions and provide feedback to Canada Post.

Responding to Complaints

16. Canada Post will establish and promulgate complaint resolution processes that are easily accessible to customers and will address complaints in a fair, respectful and timely manner.
17. The Canada Post Ombudsman will investigate complaints about compliance with the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* in situations where customers remain unsatisfied after they have exhausted Canada Post's complaint resolution processes.

Reporting on Performance

18. Each year in its Annual Report, Canada Post will report on its performance against each of the expectations in this *Canadian Postal Service Charter*.
19. In addition, Canada Post will present in its Annual Report an overview of the delivery methods it uses, indicating the number of addresses served with each delivery method and the financial costs associated with each method of delivery.

Reviewing the Charter

20. The Government will review the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* every five years after its adoption to assess the need to adapt the Charter to changing requirements.

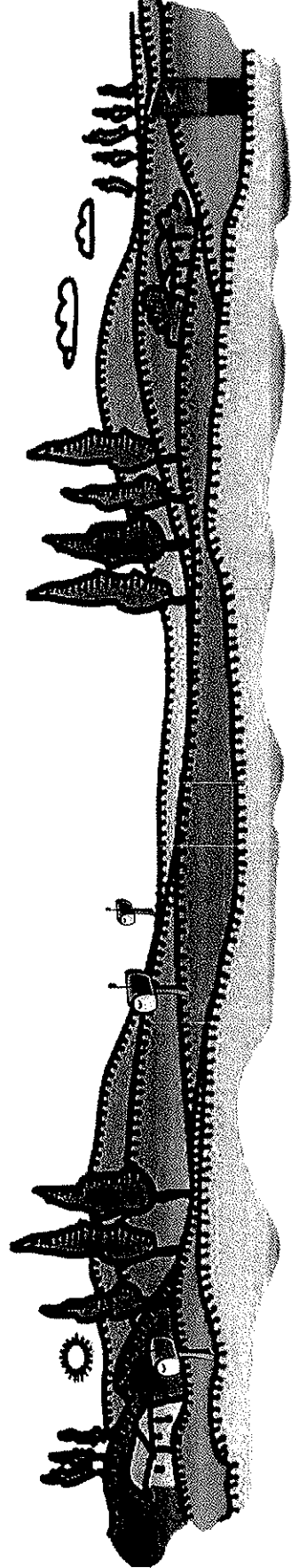


People's Postal Declaration

We the undersigned believe that Canada Post should share the benefits of postal modernization with the public in the form of improved public postal service and jobs.

We want a modern post office that:

- is universal, public, affordable and green.
- maintains and improves services.
- works for people and employees.
- provides good jobs in communities.
- promotes economic growth and healthy communities.
- is service-oriented and financially viable.



Jamie Cressman

From: Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association [admin@noma.on.ca]
Sent: June 29, 2010 1:02 PM
To: 'Alberton, Township of'; 'Atikokan, Township of'; clerk@schreiber.ca; 'Conmee, Township of'; 'Dawson, Township of'; 'Dorion, Township of'; 'Dryden, City of'; 'Ear Falls, Township of'; 'Emo, Township of'; 'Fort Frances, Town of'; 'Gillies, Township of'; Greenstone, Municipality of; 'Ignace, Township of'; 'Kenora, City of'; 'La Vallee, Township of'; 'Lake of the Woods, Township of'; 'Machin, Municipality of'; Manitouwadge, Township of; 'Marathon, Town of'; 'Morley, Township of'; 'Neebing, Municipality of'; 'Nipigon, Township of'; 'O'Connor, Township of'; Oliver Paipoonge; 'Oliver Paipoonge, Municipality of'; Paul Panciw; 'Pickle Lake, Township of'; 'Pickle Lake, Township of'; 'Rainy River, Town of'; 'Red Lake, Municipality of'; 'Red Rock, Township of'; 'Sheelagh Hendrick'; 'Shuniah, Municipality of'; Sioux Lookout, Municipality of; 'Terrace Bay, Township of'; 'Thunder Bay, City of'; Township of Chapple; 'Wawa, Municipality of'; 'White River, Township of'; Anne Krassilowsky; Arie Hoogenboom; Brenda Hamalainen; 'Dennis Brown'; Emily Watson; Garry Parkes; Gary Gamsby; Gwen Garbutt; Iain Angus; Jennine Husiak; John MacEachern; Kathy Poling; Lynn Peterson; Madge Richardson; Michael Power; Rick Dumas; Sue Williams; Tim Commisso; Veldon Vogan
Subject: FW: feedback sought for August conference session

Dear Municipal Members:

The 2010 AMO Conference will include the following repeat session on Tuesday August 17:

Supercharged! The OPA's Vision for the Future of Electricity

Here's your chance to learn more about the future of electricity planning, renewable energy, conservation, district energy, and everything else electricity. The session provides an opportunity to understand more about Ontario's electricity sector, and what this means for your community. Panel members from the OPA will present an electricity state-of-the-union and respond to the key issues facing municipalities today and answer your top of mind questions.

AMO Administration is developing a list of the top ten issues/questions that the municipal sector would like to ask the OPA.

To ensure that the issues of Northwestern Ontario are represented during this discussion, please forward your concerns/questions/suggestions by July 12th.

Thank you for your input.

Charla Robinson
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This Conference is an excellent opportunity for learning and networking by municipal and provincial politicians and senior staff and is a great opportunity for exhibitors to showcase their products and services.

The agenda will also include a joint session (Friday morning) with delegates of the Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce and the Northwestern Ontario Development Network to provide further expansion of networking and information sharing on issues of common interest to municipal delegates and business leaders from across the Northwest.

Hotel information available at: www.noma.on.ca

Agenda at a Glance

Wednesday, September 29

7:00pm Opening Reception & Trade Show
Travelodge Hotel Airline

Reconnect with colleagues from across the Northwest at our casual welcoming event. Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar available.

Thursday, September 30

8:30 am—4:00pm Plenary/Concurrent Sessions & Trade Show
Travelodge Hotel Airline

6:00 pm Dinner & Keynote Speaker
Valhalla Inn

Friday, October 1

8:30 am—1:30pm Joint Plenary Session with NOACC & NODN
Valhalla Inn

REGISTRATION FORM	FEE SCHEDULE
Contact Name:	Full Conference Member/Ministry: \$200 <input type="checkbox"/> Non-member: \$300 <input type="checkbox"/> (includes all meals Wednesday evening through Friday lunch)
Municipality/Ministry/Company:	
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City/Province/Postal Code:	
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Return to: NOMA P.O.Box 10308, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6T8 Ph/Fx: (807)683-6662 Email: admin@noma.on.ca Payment due with registration. Cancellations will not be refunded after Sept 15.	Total Fee \$



DELEGATE REGISTRATION
Fire Con 2010 – September 16-18
 Registration Fee \$190.00
 Banquet & Dance Ticket Included

Register early!!!! – Space is limited in many tracks
 Please check the track you wish to participate in!

PROGRAM	COURSE	
A	September 16-19 – Pumper Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	September 17-19 – Trainer Facilitator	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	Fire Service Leadership –Beyond Helmets and Hoses, 2days	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	MNR Suppression & Maintenance Operations, 2 days	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	Confined Space (entry level), 2 days	<input type="checkbox"/>
F	Firefighter Safety, 2 days	<input type="checkbox"/>
G	Public Education / Fire Prevention, 2 days	<input type="checkbox"/>
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K	Firefighter Rehabilitation, 2 days	<input type="checkbox"/>
L	Firefighter 101 for Municipal Politicians, 1 day	<input type="checkbox"/>
M	Vehicle Rescue / Extrication – Basic, 2 days	<input type="checkbox"/>
N	Vehicle Rescue / Extrication - Heavy Hydraulics, 2 days	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Extra Banquet & Dance Ticket (\$40.00 each)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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MUNICIPAL DELEGATE REGISTRATION
Fire Con 2010 – September 18

One day Municipal Leader Program for Mayors, Reeves, Councillors, Municipal Clerks, CEO's, related staff, and the media.

Bus Tour hosted by Deputy Chief Dale Ashbee to all training sites including the new facility at the Thunder Bay and Region Training Complex.

Cost for this track for Municipal Officials will be \$100.00 and includes lunch and coffee breaks.

Name:	Title:
Municipality Name:	
Mailing Address:	
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All Fire Chiefs and the FireCon executive urge each Municipality to send two delegates to this track.

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ASSOCIATED EVENTS

Annual General Meeting
Emergency North Training Inc.
16 September 2010
5:00 p.m.
Madrid Room

Ontario Fire College – Northwest Training Meeting, Thursday, Sept. 16
Barcelona Room – 08:30 to 12:00

Fire Coordinators' Luncheon and Meeting, Thursday, Sept. 16
Barcelona Room – 12:00 to 16:00
NPAC Meeting – Sept Salon C – 08:00 to 17:00

Company Officer and Fire prevention Officer Graduation
Tiberio Room – Ceremony – 18 September 2010 during banquet

SPECIAL TRACK INFORMATION

All Fire Suppression Tracks will be held at the Thunder Bay Regional and Protective Emergency Services Training Centre. It is the responsibility of the student to bring appropriate gear and personal protective equipment as is noted in the track description.

MNR Fire Track includes a Live Burn, the Ministry is committing significant amount of manpower, resources and effort to put on a Premier Track. **We urge all Fire Chiefs to send at least one participant to this track or we may lose the MNR as a participant in the future.**

Buses will be supplied for all off site tracks. Please utilize the buses to avoid congestion at track sites. If you take a personal vehicle due to circumstance contact the Course Coordinator on where to park.



TRACK DESCRIPTIONS

**All Training Sessions: Friday, September 17 – Saturday, September 18
Starting at 8:30 a.m. - Various Locations**

Except Fire Pumper Operations which begin Thursday evening Sept. 16 and end on 19 September at noon, and Trainer Facilitator which will begin Friday, Sept. 17 and end on 19 September 2010

Pumper Operations- Track Coordinator – John Hanna

Maximum Class Size-15

Upon completion of this three-day Ontario Fire College specialized course each participant will understand and be able to demonstrate the operation of a fire department pumper from both a static and pressurized water source. Pre-Course work is required.

Instruction Location: Airplane Hotel

Trainer/Facilitator Presentation Skills - Track Coordinator – Guy Degagne

Maximum Class Size-14

This three-day workshop is a revised version of, and replaces, the former Trainer/Facilitator workshop. It focuses more on the basics of presenting training sessions based on a lesson plan than the previous workshop and offers student-learners an opportunity to develop and practice effective teaching techniques, and communication skills in a classroom environment. Particular emphasis is placed on the duties of the chief, supervisor and worker in training, under the Occupational Health and Safety Act. The Fire Service Career Path Plan, standards curriculum process, and Firefighter Certification will be addressed. Learner needs assessment, use of ice-breakers, role playing and several other interactive teaching techniques will be both utilized and taught in class and practiced during a post-workshop assignment.

More information on T/Fs can be found in OFM Communiqué 2007-15.

Note: As a requirement for Firefighter Certification, a qualified Trainer/Facilitator is required for all firefighter enabler #3 sign-offs.

In-class Session: 3 days

Prerequisite: None

Textbook/Pre-class Material: Information regarding textbook requirements and pre-class assignments should be downloaded from our OFC Educational Materials Site: www.ofmsps.ca/OFCCEM Username: ofc Password: preclass

Instruction Location: Airplane Hotel

Fire Service Leadership –Beyond Helmets and Hoses- Track Coordinator – Tim Beckett

Maximum Class Size-No Limit

NEED TRACK INFORMATION

Instruction Location: Airplane Hotel

M.N.R. Suppression & Maintenance Operations – Track Coordinator- Mike Horan.
Maximum Class Size-??

This track is hands on in the field and in the maintenance shop. Candidates will work on a live field grass fire weather permitting or an area previously burned to improve fire line construction skills. As well, you will work with a CL415 water bomber and heli-bucketing helicopter in the field to learn proper communications skills and safety measures when working near aerial water drops. You will be using a fire pumper and tanker for water support to learn how to best utilize water for suppression. For the equipment maintenance portion, departments are encouraged to bring any pieces of fire equipment to the track to get expert information on maintaining and repairing their field equipment. This can include various portable pumps, hand tools and other equipment. Every department should have at least one attendee on this track to bring back this new practical wildland fire information.

Instruction Location: MNR Fire Base Thunder Bay

FireCon 2010 in Partnership with Municipal Health & Safety Association will offer the following two tracks at FireCon 2010

Confined Space Rescue: Awareness Level Track – Track Coordinator – Owen Cranney
Maximum Class Size-??

This course is geared towards trained Firefighters who are responsible for confined space entry rescue operations. This course provides the student-learner with an awareness of confined space entry hazards, legislation and guidelines, procedures and equipment detector selection, and practical rescue scenarios. (Please note: MHSA recognizes double rope rescue systems only, and cautions against single rope rescue.) Participants will require the following PPE: Hardhat, Safety Glass, Coveralls, Steel toe boots, Gloves and SCBA, IF your department policy requires Bunker Gear for all tasks please bring that. Duration: 2 days

Instruction Location: Airline Hotel

Firefighters Safety Training

This two part track will run two full days. Participants will get two full days of training. Program 1, Structural Collapse Awareness and Program 2, Electrical Safety for Emergency Responders. Diplomas will be issued.

Program 1

Structural Collapse Awareness- Track Coordinator – Owen Cranney
Maximum Class Size-No limit

This course is a one day theory only session for First Responding Units to be able to identify safety concerns and issues in structures damages due to different situations. This course will be the prerequisite for the Operations Level

The program is designed to teach emergency response personnel how identify the need to maintain the integrity of structurally unstable elements. Students will learn how systems are used to properly transmit or redirect various collapse loads to stable ground or other suitable structural elements that are capable of withstanding additional loading; conduct a proper shoring size-up; identify locations for proper shoring placement; identify the different positions within a shoring team; summarize the purpose of position; identify the different types of shoring components and equipment, conduct proper hazard mitigation activities. Students will also be able to identify other resources in their community to assist in stabilization or a rescue. This level will be the pre-requisite for next levels of course. No pre-requisites required.

Instruction Location: Airline Hotel

Electrical Safety for Emergency Responders- Track Coordinator – Owen Cranney

Maximum Class Size-No Limit

Based on The Electrical Safety Handbook for Emergency Responders, this training program will provide emergency response personnel with the information they need to work safely in hazardous situations, including fallen or low hanging wires, motor vehicle accidents, emergencies on power line equipment and on transmission rights-of-way, as well as emergencies in substations, underground installations, and in houses and industrial buildings. The one-day course will explain the basics of electricity, the health effects of electrical shock, and the equipment and procedures required to protect workers and patients in emergencies. (Theory only course)

Instruction Location: Airline Hotel

PUBLIC EDUCATION / FIRE PREVENTION –Track Coordinator - Ryan Betts

Maximum: 25 Participants

Friday, September 17, 2010

Public Information Officer

The Office of the Fire Marshal is pleased to offer the Public Information Officer course to participants on the Public Education/Fire Prevention Track. This one-day course will develop the skills to effectively conduct media interviews, prepare news releases, media advisories and news conferences, and communicate important information to the community. Successful participants will be certified as Public Information Officers and will be eligible for a ProBoard Public Information Officer certificate.

Saturday, September 18, 2010

Sometimes It's OK To Get WETT

This session will provide fire service personnel with an overview of applicable codes and standards related to the installation and operation of solid fuel burning equipment including wood stoves and pellet stoves. Participants will be able to describe Wood Energy Technology Transfer (WETT) training and certification and the components of an inspection of solid fuel burning installations.

Filling in the Generation Gap

Tim Vandenbrink, Assistant Fire Marshal in Fire Prevention with Edmonton Fire Rescue Services will provide an overview of the generational differences that often exist within the hierarchies of today's fire departments. This light-hearted look at some of the motivational drivers of different generations is aimed at improving departmental relationships through greater understanding. Participants will be able to apply this knowledge to improve communication and relationships with co-workers in their fire departments.

Electrical Product Safety

A representative from the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) will describe the process for reporting unsafe electrical products and the follow-up investigations that are conducted by the ESA. Participants will be able to describe the process that should be followed when they become aware of potential fire hazards associated with electrical consumer goods.

Getting to Know Fire: Public Education Updates & Initiatives

Participants will be able to describe how to access and utilize new educational resources from British Columbia's Getting To Know Fire Program to address common fire safety issues for various target groups.

What About ME? : Public Education Updates & Initiatives

Participants are encouraged to bring samples, examples, stories and ideas from their local public education initiatives to share among their peers through a mediated open forum discussion. Participants will be able to evaluate best practices and apply proven methods and techniques to public fire safety education programs in their own communities.

Instruction Location: Airplane Hotel

SEARCH AND RESCUE - Track Coordinator – Dave Paxton/Warren F. Brinkman

Maximum Class Size-24

This track provides an overview of search and rescue operations. The importance of information gathering is highlighted including the use of preplans to determine likely victim location. Search patterns, victim stabilization and removal, safety, hazard recognition and inter-agency co-operation are stressed. Perform fire ground operations by conducting incident size-up, requesting assistance, searching for, rescuing, and evacuating individuals, protecting exposures, confining, controlling and extinguishing the fire, salvaging and overhauling the structure and its contents so that lives are protected and property loss and damage to the environment is minimized.

Instruction Location: Thunder Bay Regional and Protective Emergency Services Training Centre

Each participant in the Search and Rescue Track will be required to bring the following items:

- Students must bring full protective clothing that meets or exceeds CAN CGSB. 155.1-M88 standard;
- SCBA meeting CSA Standard Z 94.4 Section 6.3.2.4.1. and NFPA 1981;
- An extra cylinder;
- Hoods meeting NFPA 1971 – 2000 Edition;
- Helmets meeting NFPA – 1971 – 200 Edition;
- Boots meeting NFPA 1971 – 2000 Edition;
- Gloves meeting NFPA 1971 – 2000 Edition;
- Binder, pen, note pad.

IMPORTANT

Student-learners attending are required to bring their own SCBA that they have been FIT tested on as well as 2 cylinders. Departments may request that their student-learners require the use of SCBA provided by the Training Center. Student learners will be FIT tested on Training Center SCBA prior to the course.

SCBA FOR THE NEW FIREFIGHTER - Track Coordinator – Dave Paxton/Warren F. Brinkman

Maximum Class Size-24

Successful sign-offs of Final Performance Tests during this two day training session will enable new firefighters to don, operate, doff, inspect and maintain personal self-contained breathing apparatus in accordance with legislation, manufacturer's specifications and departmental policies and procedures so that defective components are identified, replaced and recorded so that optimum respiratory protection is provided in a hostile environment.

Instruction Location: Thunder Bay Regional and Protective Emergency Services Training Centre

Each participant in the SCBA for the New Firefighter Track will be required to bring the following items:

- Students must bring full protective clothing that meets or exceeds CAN CGSB. 155.1-M88 standard;
- SCBA meeting CSA Standard Z 94.4 Section 6.3.2.4.1. and NFPA 1981;
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- Boots meeting NFPA 1971 – 2000 Edition;
- Gloves meeting NFPA 1971 – 2000 Edition;
- Binder, pen, note pad.

LIVE FIRE TRAINING - Track Coordinator – Dave Paxton/Warren F. Brinkman

Maximum Class Size-24

This course, which is conducted in safe and controlled environments, introduces firefighters to both Class B and Class A fires. Course participants gain an enhanced knowledge of fire behaviour with the propane fuelled simulator including smoke generator. Multiple props include a bed fire, stove/range fire and two rollover fires. Participants will also be instructed on fire suppression techniques including penciling with an emphasis on recognizing factors leading to a potential flashover. Class A fires in five burn rooms will afford firefighters the opportunity to train in higher temperature environments and will include a smoke control component. Proper application of hose streams will be emphasized throughout this training to minimize the effects on thermal layering. Students will enter the both Class B and Class A training areas wearing full protective clothing including SCBA.

Instruction Location: Thunder Bay Regional and Protective Emergency Services Training Centre

Prerequisite: Students must be signed off in Protective Clothing, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and Fire Suppression Techniques from the Firefighter Curriculum or trained to departmental standards in the correct application of protective clothing, SCBA and fire suppression techniques. Participants must be in good physical condition and capable of operating in extreme heat while wearing full turn-out gear and SCBA.

Each participant in the Live Fire Track will be required to bring the following items:

- Students must bring their own protective clothing that meets or exceeds CAN CGSB. 155.1-M88 standard;
- SCBA meeting CSA Standard Z 94.4 Section 6.3.2.4.1 and NFPA 1981;
- Hoods meeting NFPA 1971 – 2000 Edition;
- Helmets meeting NFPA 1971 – 2000 Edition;
- Boots meeting NFPA 1971 – 2000 Edition;
- Gloves meeting NFPA 1971 – 2000 Edition;
- Binder, pen, writing pad; and
- A long sleeve shirt/sweater to be worn under their turn out coat.

IMPORTANT

Student-learners attending are required to bring their own SCBA that they have been FIT tested on as well as 2 cylinders. Departments may request that their student-learners require the use of SCBA provided by the Training Center. Student learners will be FIT tested on Training Center SCBA prior to the course.

Firefighter Rehabilitation –Track Coordinator- Barb Ashbee

Maximum Class Size-30

This course will offer the first responder guidance and direction to establish and manage a rehabilitation sector. The student will be introduced to the NFPA 1584, "Standard on the Rehabilitation Process for Members During Emergency Operations and Training Exercises". Students will learn about rehab facilities, resources, evaluation, treatment, and a 'toolbox' to make it all happen.

Instruction Location: Airline Hotel

Firefighter 101 for Municipal Politicians –Track Coordinator- Gary Gazankas/Earl Bichon

This program will offer hands-on fire fighting and rescue operations for public officials, Mayors, Reeves, Councillors, Municipal Clerks, CEOs, related staff and media representatives under the controlled supervision of regional firefighters. Participants will learn exactly how challenging it is to serve and protect their community. This workshop will demonstrate some aspects of fire/rescue operations, from suiting up in the proper protective gear to putting out fires. Each scenario will give you the opportunity to do what firefighters experience on a day-to-day basis.

Instruction Location: Oliver Paipouge Fire Station

VEHICLE RESCUE AND EXTRICATION – BASIC TOOLS/HEAVY HYDRAULICS –

Track Coordinator – Barb Turk

This two day workshop will consist of a theory component that stresses safety and scene setup as well as in the field exercises and practical application as it applies to rescue.

1) Basic Hand tools

Maximum Class Size-20

Introduction in the use of the hand tools, including air chisel, reciprocating saw and hand hydraulics. Challenges for the beginner and the experienced alike.

2) Heavy Hydraulics – Prerequisite: Basic

Maximum Class Size-20

Focus on technique, creativity and how to let the tools do the work for you.

Each participant in the Vehicle Rescue and Extrication Track is required to bring full protective clothing including eye protection such as safety glasses or goggles.

Instruction Location: Royal Canadian Legion

THURSDAY EVENING 17:00 hrs. – Madrid ROOM
Emergency North Training Inc. Annual General Meeting

DON'T MISS THE OPENING CEREMONIES

Madrid ROOM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 2009
AT 20:00 hrs.

HOSPITALITY MEET & GREET
Madrid ROOM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 2009
Following the Opening Ceremonies

SUPPLIERS TRADE SHOW
FRIDAY 12:00 – 20:00 hrs.
SATURDAY 10:00 – 13:30 hrs.

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