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ROSEHART REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS PRIORITIZED BY CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Dr. Robert G. Rosehart, Northwestern Ontario Economic Facilitator, recently released the much-anticipated 2008 report "Northwestern Ontario: Preparing for Change".

This report contains many important recommendations to improve the economy of the Northwest generally, and Thunder Bay in particular.

From Dr. Rosehart's recommendations, the Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce (NOACC) established the following prioritized list of support for regional issues that were included in the report:

- Recommendation 9.01 Geosciences Mapping
- Recommendation 5.2 Northwestern Ontario Policy Institute
- Recommendation 5.1 Common Voice Initiative
- Recommendation 5.3.2 Northern Desk
- Recommendation 5.3.3 Northern Development Commissioner
- Recommendation 8.1 Forest Industry Champion Forest Industry Secretariat
- Recommendation 7.1.2 All-weather Road Study
- Recommendation 7.1.1 Far North Road Development Realignment of Winter Roads
- Recommendation 14.1.1 Communities in Transition
- Recommendation 13.0.3 Regional MAA Office in Northwestern Ontario
- Recommendation 5.4 Public Service Jobs in the North

The following motion was passed at the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce Board of Director's meeting on May 13, 2008:

"That the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce recognizes and supports the Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce (NOACC) prioritization of the NW Ontario Economic Facilitator's recommendations, and identifies the following priorities as being of significant importance for the membership of the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce:

- Recommendation 9.0.1 Geosciences Mapping
- Recommendation 14.2.1 Thunder Bay Incentive Mechanism
- Recommendation 14.2.2 Tactical Plan for Thunder Bay
- Recommendation 14.4.1 Buy Ontario
- Recommendation 15.4.1 Apprenticeship Regional Pilot"

"These recommendations fit well with goals and priorities already adopted by the Thunder Bay Chamber. We look forward to working with the City of Thunder Bay, the Common Voice Initiative, NOACC and others to move these recommendations forward into reality," said Brian Babcock, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce.

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