



New service boundary map launched in region

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The Northern Policy Institute and North Superior Workforce Planning Board have launched a new interactive GIS tool that allows users to explore the many community, administrative, and service provider boundaries in the northern regions of Ontario.

The Northern Ontario Boundary Map is loaded with all kinds of features for users, including the ability to see multiple administrative boundaries at once, obtain information on various organizations, use snippets of the map for papers and print, and share the map on social media.

“When [the Local Employment Planning Council] raised the idea of a boundary map for the NSWPB/Thunder Bay region, we thought it was information all of the northern regions would benefit from, and were excited to partner on the initiative with them,” said NPI president and CEO Charles Cirtwill.

“As a standing open invitation, we encourage those who have comments on what should be added to the map to contact us so we can continue to improve the tool,” he added.

The map includes the following boundaries:

- Anishinabek employment and training services;
- census districts;
- census subdivisions (communities);
- Community Futures Development Corporations;
- District Social Services Administration Boards;
- economic regions;
- federal districts;
- First Nations' treaties;
- Local Service Boards;
- Métis Nation of Ontario ;
- provincial electoral districts;
- service providers;
- tribal councils; and
- workforce planning boards.

The Northern Ontario Boundary Map aims to provide accurate and current boundaries available from various governments, communities, and service providers.

Future stages of the project will look at adding additional boundaries to the map or revising them if we are made aware of changes.

See something missing? We invite you to send updates or additions to mappingthenorth@northernpolicy.ca

“Having access to up-to-date boundaries and service grids in the NSWPB region has been identified as a gap by many communities,” said Madge Richardson, executive director, North Superior Workforce Planning Board.

“This map is another educational tool that northerners now have available to them when looking to access services and make informed decisions,” she noted.

To start exploring, visit www.northernpolicy.ca/boundarymap or www.nswpb.ca/lepc/projects