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## Northern Policy Institute Welcomes New Directors

**February 6, 2018** – Northern Policy Institute is pleased to announce the addition of two new directors to our team, John Beaucage and Diana Fuller Henninger. These new directors add to an already diverse and knowledgeable board, whose role is to set the strategic direction of NPI.

“Northern Policy Institute is thrilled to have John Beaucage and Diana Fuller Henninger join our Board of Directors,” stated NPI Chair Thérèse Bergeron-Hopson. “Their unique experiences, vast knowledge, and dedication to northern communities will be sure to energize our organization.”

A citizen of Wasauksing First Nation, John Beaucage served as the Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation between 2004 and 2008. An economist by education, John has worked tirelessly on many issues, including Indigenous child welfare and health, green energy projects with First Nations, land disputes, language policy and housing, spending over 15 years with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and serving as the Co-chair for First Ministers' Working Groups for both Housing and Relationships.

Raised in Kingston, Diana Fuller Henninger moved to Sudbury in 1978 as a young lawyer and became Northern Ontario's first female assistant crown attorney, and later first female Regional Director of Crown Attorneys. In 2009 she took over Henninger's Diesel Ltd., a company founded by her husband, after Manfred Henninger's death. For her achievements, Henninger won the Influential Women entrepreneur of the year award in 2015.

In addition to welcoming new directors, NPI would like to congratulate Bergeron-Hopson in her new role as Chair and Harley d'Entremont in his new role as Vice-Chair. “We celebrate their commitment to Northern Ontario communities and thank them for their vision and dedication to the work of Northern Policy Institute,” stated NPI President & CEO Charles Cirtwill.

Northern Policy Institute is currently recruiting new Directors. If you would like to volunteer for a position on NPI's Board, please fill out a form at [www.northernpolicy.ca/volunteer](http://www.northernpolicy.ca/volunteer) and we will contact you with more information.

Membership of the Board of Directors is for renewable three year terms. Selection is made by the members of Northern Policy Institute on the recommendation of the organization's Directors. The Governance and Nominating Committee review applicants annually and puts forward recommendations to fill vacancies according to the limits and criteria outlined in the Northern Policy Institute Bylaws.



For complete bios on all our volunteers, please visit [www.northernpolicy.ca/ourpeople](http://www.northernpolicy.ca/ourpeople)

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**About Northern Policy Institute:**

*Northern Policy Institute is Northern Ontario's independent think tank. We perform research, collect and disseminate evidence, and identify policy opportunities to support the growth of sustainable Northern communities. Our operations are located in Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury. We seek to enhance Northern Ontario's capacity to take the lead position on socio-economic policy that impacts Northern Ontario, Ontario, and Canada as a whole.*