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## Northern Policy Institute Welcomes New Directors to its Team

**May 10, 2018** – Northern Policy Institute is pleased to announce the appointment of two new directors to its team, Louise Paquette and Jean Pierre Chabot. Their extensive knowledge, networks and commitment to northern communities are a great addition to our organization.

“Northern Policy Institute is delighted to have Louise Paquette and Jean Pierre Chabot join our Board of Directors,” stated NPI Interim Chair Harley d’Entremont. “We are very fortunate to have them join our board, as we continue to research and develop policy for and from Northern Ontario.”

Born and educated in Sudbury, Louise Paquette has always worked towards helping northerners have a strong voice. She served as Assistant Deputy Minister at MNDM, then as Director General of FedNor, and most recently as the CEO of the Northeast Local Health Integration Network (NELHIN). She has worked diligently for the past ten years to help improve the patient experience and build a better healthcare system across Northeastern Ontario. Named Northern Ontario Businesses’ Influential Women of the Decade in 2007, Paquette is an exceptional leader dedicated to improving the lives of Northern Ontarians.

Jean Pierre Chabot was born and raised in Moose Factory, a remote Northern Ontario community at the southernmost tip of the James Bay. He currently serves as Senior Development Officer at MoCreebec Eeyoud Council working towards implementing the MoCreebec Eeyoud Constitutional Framework and advancing the interests of members. Chabot has lived, worked and studied abroad where he was able to acquire valuable connections in both the private and public sectors and experience at the local and international levels. Conscious of the unique challenges Northern Ontario faces, Chabot continues to work towards its growth and success.

Paquette’s extensive experience with both the provincial and federal government in economic development and health in Northern Ontario combined with Jean-Pierre Chabot’s deep understanding of the far north, provide great assets to NPI’s board, and to Northern Ontario as a whole.

NPI would also like to congratulate Dr. Harley d’Entremont in his new role as Interim Chair. “Harley has continued to show his commitment to Northern Ontario communities and NPI. I am very happy to have Harley in this role, and look forward to working with him in the months to come,” stated NPI President & CEO Charles Cirtwill.

Most recently Dr. d’Entremont served as Vice-President, Academic and Research at Nipissing University, after having served as Academic Vice-President (Francophone Affairs) at Laurentian University from 2003 to 2008. He had previously served as President of the Université Sainte-Anne in Nova Scotia for thirteen years.



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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. This year we are excited to have summer offices in Fort Frances, North Bay and Timmins. 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.*



Louise Paquette



Jean Pierre Chabot