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Mapping the North: Northern Ontario Infrastructure Map has been updated

December 6, 2018 - Northern Policy Institute (NPI) has added an update to the Northern Ontario Infrastructure Map. This update includes a new layer showcasing updated Motor Coach Routes in Northern Ontario.

The purpose of the Northern Ontario Infrastructure Map is to provide a detailed snapshot of the north's existing groundwork in order to identify and build on regional strengths. This map has been created by NPI in partnership with North Superior Workforce Planning Board (NSWPB)-Your Local Employment Planning Council (LEPC).

The new data includes updated routes and stops for motor coach services such as Ontario Northland, Greyhound and the Autobus Maheux.

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The map is free and available for everyone to use and explore. It is fully interactive allowing users to add or remove layers to access the information that they wish to display.

It contains over two dozen layers of content including:

- !Updated! Motorcoach Stops •
- !Updated! Motorcoach Routes •
- Ring of Fire •
- **Economic Regions** •
- **Economic Region Labels** •
- Census Districts •
- Cities •
- Provincial Highway-King's •
- Provincial Highway-Secondary •
- Expressway •
- Township •
- Towns
- **Municipalities**
- Villages

- Local Service Boards
- Indigenous Reserves or Settlements
- Winter Roads
- Passenger Rail Stops
- Passenger Rail Service
- Freight Railway Lines •
- Sea Ports •
- Airports •
- Proposed Roads- Ring of Fire
- Proposed Railways- Ring of Fire •
- Border Crossing
- **Rest Areas**
- **Utilities Lines**
- Far North Boundary

The Northern Ontario Infrastructure Map is an ongoing process and is continuously being updated with new data and information as it becomes available.

To start exploring, visit https://www.northernpolicy.ca/infrastructuremap

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Richardson, Executive Director of the North Superior Workforce Planning Board – Your Local Employment Planning Council are both available for comment. To arrange an interview, please contact:

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About Northern Policy Institute (NPI):

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 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.

About the Local Employment Planning Council (LEPC):

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LEPC in Thunder Bay is a pilot project led by the North Superior Workforce Planning Board (NSWPB) with the support of Northern Policy Institute (NPI) as data and research partner. The LEPC uses community consultation, research, and evidence-based practices to spur innovation in workforce development in our region.

About the North Superior Workforce Planning Board (NSWPB):

The North Superior Workforce Planning Board (NSWPB) is one of twenty-six Workforce Planning zones across Ontario, mandated through the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to identify, assess and prioritize the skills and knowledge needs of community, employers and individual participants/learners in the local labour market through a collaborative, local labour market planning process.

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