



Call For Abstracts

Working to Scale: Reconciliation, Revitalization, Retention, Regional Transportation, and Revenue Generation in Rural and Remote Contexts

NOVEMBER 16–18, 2022
NORTH BAY, ONTARIO

Northern Policy Institute and the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation are pleased to announce a call for abstracts for the [2022 Northern Directions](#) conference, which is scheduled to be a two-and-a-half-day event on November 16, 17 and 18, 2022. We expect more than 150 people to gather for the in-person proceedings in North Bay, Ontario, with another 50 or more joining online.

The goal of Northern Directions is to explore evidence-based interventions and policies that will spur growth in the various regions of Northern Ontario. Meetings between the private sector, policymakers, academics, and the public are meant to set priorities tied to specific actions and assigned to specific actors for the coming twelve months.

If you have work you would like to present in any of the categories below, please submit an **abstract** for consideration [HERE](#). This is a two-phase call for abstracts. To be included in the first round, please submit your abstract by **August 15, 2022**. To be included in the second round, please submit your abstract by **September 15, 2022**. Those accepted in the first round will be notified by September 01, 2022, and those accepted in the second round will be notified by October 01, 2022.

A range of submission types is invited – academic research, stories, or case studies about or applicable to Northern Ontario or other rural, remote, northern, and island communities. Accepted submissions will be presented at the conference either as a 15-minute oral presentation or as a poster presentation. We expect to accept multiple submissions for poster presentations and up to eight abstracts for oral presentations for each category. The categories may include but are not limited to the following:

- a. Rural Reconciliation



This category will showcase research, case studies, and other stories about reconciliation with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit in rural contexts, touching on themes such as: truth, meaningful engagement, reciprocal relationship building, decolonization, and others.

b. Rural Revitalization (Reinvestment)

This category will showcase research, case studies, and other stories about revitalizing and reinvesting in rural communities, touching on themes such as: challenges, the importance and potential of communities, innovation, investments in infrastructure, cases of vibrant communities, and others.

c. Rural Population Retention (Welcoming)

This category will showcase research, case studies, and other stories about retaining populations in rural communities, touching on themes such as: creating communities where residents feel welcome, social capital building, outmigration, rural population decline, and others.

d. Regional Transportation (Rural Mass Transit or Broader Transportation Systems)

This category will showcase research, case studies, and other stories about transportation in rural communities, touching on themes such as: the state of and solutions for rural public transit; rail, air, water, and road transportation of persons and resources; the connectivity of transportation systems in rural areas; mobility in rural communities; sustainable transportation, and; others.

e. Rural Revenue Generation

This category will showcase research, case studies, and other stories about generating revenue in rural areas, touching on themes such as: rural economic development, sustainable rural development, innovative rural business models, lasting rural income generation, and others.

Submissions should:

- be no more than 200 words;
- be submitted in French or English (please submit in the intended language of delivery);
- include a title as well as a list of presenters with their affiliations and contact information;
- clearly indicate the format of the presentation requested,
 - Poster presentation or
 - 15-minute oral presentation, and
- indicate up to two of the submission categories listed above for which you would like to be considered.



Previously published work is welcome, but some space will be reserved for unpublished work.

This will be a hybrid event, with in-person as well as virtual participation. However, presenters must attend in person.

Authors of accepted submissions will be able to choose whether they accept to have their abstracts published on the Northern Directions website and in the conference report or not.

Note: At least one presenter per accepted submission will need to be registered by the in-person registration deadline (**November 01, 2022**) in order to be included in the program.

To know more about Northern Directions, please click here:

<https://www.northernpolicy.ca/northern-directions>

If you would like to submit an abstract, please click here:

<https://bit.ly/3IPTAib>

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