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This map allows users to interact with various map layers, to:

- Explore existing boundaries by adding or removing layers or displayable content;
- Obtain information on various organizations by clicking the map areas to view information of the various organizations, service providers, and boundaries;
- Visualize boundaries
  in Northern Ontario for use in projects, papers, and presentations.



Figure 1: An example of boundaries, specifically Community Future Development Corporations (CFDC) Boundaries

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## Explore Boundaries in the North.

New to mapping? Here's a **Fast Introduction**:



You can **turn boundaries on and off** using the **Layers Button** found on the top right corner of the map, by checking and un-checking boxes to include and exclude maps respectively.



You can **search for addresses and municipalities** using the **Search Tool**. The supported searches include many things including addresses, streets, and bodies of water.



You can **share**, **send**, **and save** your map; by clicking **Share** to post to social media or E-mail to a colleague, and generate a link that will refer to your settings of the map; or by clicking **Print** to print to a PDF or save as an image.



You can **change the look and feel of the map**, by clicking **Basemap Gallery** to styles such as topographic, grey scale and air photos, as well as many operational layers.

# Technical Requirements.

Northern Ontario's Boundary Map works with all browsers that support the Adobe Flash Player, including:

#### **WINDOWS**

- Internet Explorer (and other browsers that support Internet Explorer ActiveX controls and plug-ins)
- Internet Explorer (Windows 8)
- Firefox, Mozilla, Netscape, Opera (and other plugin-based browsers)
- Chrome (Pepper-based Flash Player)

#### MACINTOSH

- Firefox, Opera, Safari
- Chrome (Pepper-based Flash Player)

If you do not have Adobe's Flash Player, please visit get.adobe.com/flashplayer.

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# **Boundaries Available.**

Boundaries are available, on the map, for the following:

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

Northern Ontario's Boundary Provincial Electoral Districts Federal Electoral Districts Census Districts Economic Regions

#### SERVICE PROVIDERS

Anishinabek Employment and Training Services
Workforce Planning Boards
Community Futures and Development Corporations (CFDCs)
District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs)
Local Service Boards

#### COMMUNITY

Census Subdivisions (Communities)
First Nations Treaties
Metis Nation of Ontario Regions
Tribal Councils

# I Want To...

The Northern Ontario Boundary Map is loaded with all kinds of features for users, like the ability to see multiple administrative boundaries at once, use snippets of your map for papers and print and share the map on social media. First, however, make sure you are familiar with the map.

## Learn the Basics of Navigation.

#### ZOOM THE MAP IN AND OUT

The zoom feature on this map can help users see a particular area in detail. To zoom in and out, you can either (a) use the mouse wheel by flicking your finger up to zoom in, and down to zoom out; (b) your track pad depending on your computer or (c) use the buttons on the map. For the latter, clicking the [+] button lets you zoom in, [-] zooms out and the home button goes back to default settings.



#### PAN/MOVE THE FOCUS OF THE MAP

The pan feature allows users to move the map around, and jump from a particular area to others. To do this, simply drag your mouse by pressing constantly on your mouse's left hand button, in the direction you want aim to drop to the map, and drop it where you want to end.

#### CHANGE THE LOOK AND FEEL (BASE) MAP

By changing the map's base layer, you are able to change the way the map looks, such as grey scale, topographic or light. In the top left, click **Basemap Gallery** and you will find ten different map themes, including those with labels, like street names and municipalities.

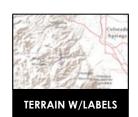
#### Basemap selections include:











### **Search Communities.**

#### FIND AN ADDRESS

To find an address, type the name, city or street address into the search bar, and press Enter or click the Magnifying Glass to proceed.



## **Select and Learn More** about Boundaries.

#### **SELECT BOUNDARIES**

There are over fifteen boundaries on this tool. To select a boundary, click the [Icon] Layers button, by clicking on the check box. You can select as many as you would like. You can also deselect maps by unchecking the checkbox. In this example, Northern Ontario Boundary is checked.

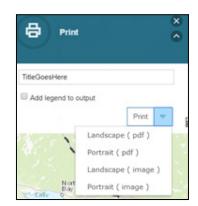


#### VIEW THE MAP LEGEND

The Legend feature makes the map legend available on the right hand side of the map. It is enabled by clicking on the **Legend** button. It is important to note, that this changes depending on the layers selected. See the example below of the economic regions of the north, and its corresponding legend. To disable, click the Legend Button.

## Save My Map.

TAKE A SNIPPET TO USE IN MY PAPER OR ON MY WEBSITE To do this, click **Print** and select an image file extension, like .png. It will then save it as an image that you can add in to your paper.



# Frequently Asked Questions.

#### What is The Northern Ontario Boundary Map?

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#### When is Northern Ontario's Boundary Map updated?

The Northern Ontario Boundary Map aims to provide accurate and current boundaries available from various governments, communities and service providers; and further steps of the project will look at adding other boundaries to the map or revising them if we are made aware of changes.

#### Can I download any of the GIS files for the boundaries?

If you would like to request a downloadable GIS file of specific boundaries, please contact **mappingthenorth@northernpolicy.ca** and we will gladly review your request.

#### What do I need to run the Northern Ontario Boundary Map?

The Northern Ontario Boundary Map was developed as a web-based Geographic Information System (GIS), and provides a comprehensive set of tools that are best suited for desktop browser use. Northern Ontario's Boundary Map requires having Adobe Flash installed.

#### How do I fix the application if it is frozen?

If the application has been left idle for an extended period of time, or you are experiencing difficulty with a tool, the easiest approach is to reload your browser by selecting the Refresh option under the View dropdown or press the F5 function key. If this does not resolve the issue, please feel free to contact us.

#### Can I use the keyboard to use Northern Ontario's Boundary Map?

The Northern Ontario Boundary Map includes a number of short-cut keys that can be used for keyboard navigation:



## Comments and Feedback.

This map will be updated with additional content going forward. If you have ideas of boundaries to include or see something that's missing, we invite you to send your comments to <a href="mappingthenorth@north@northempolicy.ca">mappingthenorth@northempolicy.ca</a>

### Known Issues.

We are aware of the issue whereby, under the Local Services Boards layer, when one clicks the surrounding regions, it disables the layer. To avoid this, please don't double click outside LSBs.

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