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Dr. Matthew Coon Come to Speak at Northern Policy Institute's Fifth Anniversary Fundraising Gala



July 19, 2018 – Northern Policy Institute (NPI) is celebrating its five year anniversary in 2018. In order to celebrate this milestone and thank those who have contributed to our success, NPI will be hosting a Fifth Anniversary Fundraising Gala in Thunder Bay on October 18, 2018.

The theme of the Gala is **'Moving Forward Together; the hard work of reconciliation'** and will feature renowned speaker Dr. Matthew Coon Come, former Grand Chief of the Grand Council of the Crees of Quebec. The Cree-Quebec relationship is a model routinely held out for others to follow. Coon Come will provide the Cree perspective on the sacrifices, compromises and hard stances needed to make real progress towards a true nation-to-nation relationship and the benefits accruing to both sides by sharing power and the risks associated with exercising that power.

The Gala will take place at The Chanterelle on Park. In addition to hearing from Dr. Coon Come, guests at the Gala will enjoy an evening of networking opportunities, a locally sourced meal, and a look back on the past five years of NPI's successes. All funds raised will go directly toward future projects and programs of NPI as we look ahead to the next five years.

Be part of this exciting evening as we celebrate the history of NPI and what we have achieved together with our community of friends and supporters. Let's look ahead together to what we, as Northern Ontarians, will accomplish in the next five years. Tickets are now on sale by visiting www.northernpolicy.ca/gala or calling 807-343-8858.



NPI is a not-for-profit organization, and as such, relies on the generosity of our communities and partners to continue our important work. To view sponsorship opportunities please visit www.northernpolicy.ca/gala or contact Jenna Marsh, Communications Officer, at (705) 949-2301 x 3141 or jmarsh@northernpolicy.ca.

A second fundraising Gala will be taking place April 11, 2019 in Sudbury, Ontario, and will feature Jean Charest who will share his perspective on the Cree-Quebec relationship.

Media Interviews: NPI President & CEO Charles Cirtwill is available for comment. To arrange an interview, please contact:

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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. [Learn more.](#)