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For the Fifth Consecutive Year, Northern Policy Institute Welcomes Summer Students in Communities throughout Ontario's North

June 12, 2018 – In collaboration with educational partners across Northern Ontario, Northern Policy Institute (NPI) gives a warm welcome to six new summer placements located in the communities of North Bay, Timmins and Fort Frances.

NPI's summer program, *Experience North*, is a unique opportunity for young professionals to experience on the ground public policy development by working on projects that will lead to the sustainable growth and enhanced resiliency of Northern Ontario communities.

"These young professionals are the future of Northern Ontario. NPI not only gives summer placements a unique learning experience in a professional work environment, *Experience North* also allows us to engage with as many communities as possible, as we continue to collect input and ideas from those living in Ontario's northern regions," said Charles Cirtwill, President and CEO of NPI.

Every year, summer placements are given a topic to research and identify policy opportunities. This year's topics include Francophone immigration, Francophone tourism, post-secondary graduate supply in relation to Northern Ontario's labour market, Northern Ontario's post-secondary education (PSE) research capacity, First Nations case study on decision making and reporting, and finally, measuring economic and social growth of Northern Ontario's Indigenous population.

NPI welcomes and congratulates the newest additions to our team for the Summer of 2018:

Rachel Armstrong – Policy Analyst – Timmins

Caitlin McAuliffe – Policy Analyst – North Bay

Dawson Mihichuk – Policy Analyst – Fort Frances

Elektra Papadogiorgaki – Policy Analyst – Fort Frances

Myfannwy Pope – Policy Analyst – Timmins

Rachel Quinby – Policy Analyst – North Bay

NPI would like to thank our host organizations, Nipissing University in North Bay, Collège Boréal (Timmins campus) and Confederation College (Fort Frances campus) for their in-kind support in offering NPI's summer placements professional work spaces. NPI encourages organizations and



communities who are interested in hosting future summer placements to contact us at info@northernpolicy.ca.

For complete biographies on our newest staff members, visit www.northernpolicy.ca/ourpeople.
And for more information on NPI's Experience North program, visit www.northernpolicy.ca/experiencenorth

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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 regular operations are located in Thunder Bay, Sudbury, and Sault Ste. Marie. 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.

About Experience North:

Every summer, Northern Policy Institute makes available up to ten four-month placements across Northern Ontario. Housed either in one of Northern Policy Institute's three permanent offices or with a partner organization, the placements learn first-hand about the cut and thrust of public policy debate, building human capital and experience in the North before graduation.