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Northern Policy Institute Welcomes New Summer Interns in Communities across Northern Ontario

May 31, 2016 – Northern Policy Institute (NPI) President and CEO Charles Cirtwill is pleased to welcome ten new youth summer interns to our team. In partnership with supporting organizations, interns will be placed in communities across Northern Ontario including Kenora, Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins and Sudbury.

Experience North, Northern Policy Institute's summer internship program, builds capacity through experience as interns learn first-hand about the cut and thrust public policy debate leading to the sustainable development and long-term economic prosperity of Northern Ontario.

"We are pleased to have ten future leaders join the Northern Policy Institute team this summer. Not only is NPI providing unique learning experiences for youth across Northern Ontario, *Experience North* allows us to expand our presence throughout the region helping to ensure input and advice is received from the perspective of as many communities as possible", said Cirtwill.

Internship roles range from policy to public relations, all with a focus on Northern Policy's Institute's mission to engage local communities and provide evidence-based advice for effective decision making for and from Northern Ontario. Topics of research include water quality issues in First Nations Communities, forestry tenure models, the costs of twinned highways per kilometer in Northern Ontario, the status of biofuel and bioenergy policy in the region, and a 'northern immigration strategy', among others.

Work spaces were secured through partnerships with Sault Ste. Marie's NORDIK Institute at Algoma University, Kenora campus of Confederation College and the Timmins campus of Northern College. The Institute gratefully acknowledges this in-kind support, and will continue to work toward facilitating more partnerships between Northern organizations in the future.

Northern Policy Institute is pleased to announce addition of the following summer interns to the team:

Adam Patrick and Jarrod Sundmark (Kenora office)

Lindsay Campbell and Emma Tranter (Thunder Bay office)

Kaylie Dudgeon and Mandy-Jean Masse (Sault Ste. Marie office)

Rachel Beals and Leah Cartan (Timmins office)

Jamie McIntyre and Lauren Rainsford (Sudbury office)

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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, Sudbury, and Kenora. 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.

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