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NPI Holding Open House at New Kirkland Lake Office

18 May 2022 – Join Northern Policy Institute staff and directors as they host an open house to officially launch the Institute's newest permanent office in Kirkland Lake, Ontario. The event will be held from 4-6 pm on Wednesday 25 May 2022. The NPI office is in suite G-230 on the Northern College campus, 120 Government Road E. in Kirkland Lake.

Opened in September 2021, the new office is home to two of NPI's three research teams with four permanent staff and space for additional interns, co-op placements, and summer students as needed. Since 2016 the Institute has had summer offices in various Northeastern Ontario communities including Timmins, Hearst, Kirkland Lake and Haileybury. Those offices were hosted by Northern College, College Boreal, and L'Université de Hearst.

Charles Cirtwill, President & CEO of NPI stated, "Northern College has partnered with NPI for several years on joint research projects and in hosting summer offices, we were excited to have this opportunity to expand this partnership to include a new permanent office on their Kirkland Lake campus."

Dr. Audrey J. Penner, President & CEO of Northern College added that, "Northern College is happy to have NPI co locate to our Kirkland Lake campus. This is another example of how we demonstrate our commitment to inviting community partners into our campuses."

Cirtwill continued this theme, "NPI has had great success building partnerships in all regions of Northern Ontario, but especially here in the Northeast. We look forward to being able to work more closely with our current partners, and recruit new ones, in the years ahead."

NPI now has three permanent offices located in Kirkland Lake, Sudbury, and Thunder Bay. Summer offices at NPI (an annual program for NPI known as *Experience North*) opened May 9 this year and for 2022 are in Timmins, Sturgeon Falls, Sault Ste. Marie and Kenora.

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Media Interviews: NPI President and 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, evidence-driven think tank. We perform research, analyze data, and disseminate ideas. Our mission is to enhance Northern Ontario's capacity to take the lead position on socio-economic policy that impacts our communities, our province, our country, and our world.

We believe in partnership, collaboration, communication, and cooperation. Our team seeks to do inclusive research that involves broad engagement and delivers recommendations for specific, measurable action. Our success depends on our partnerships with other entities present in or passionate about Northern Ontario.

Based in Thunder Bay, Sudbury, and Kirkland Lake; NPI is active in every region of Northern Ontario. During the summer months we have satellite offices in communities across Northern Ontario staffed by teams of Experience North placements. These placements are university and college students working in your community on issues important to you and your neighbours.