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## **Northern Policy Institute Expands Team**

**April 1, 2016** – Northern Policy Institute CEO Charles Cirtwill is pleased to announce the addition of a new member to our team.

Jennifer Findlay is joining the Institute as its new Stakeholder Relations Coordinator June 1. She will be working to ensure Northerners have the chance to engage with the Institute as often as possible on issues that matter to them and their community. She will also play a central role in building a diverse and sustainable funding base for the Institute, ensuring its long term viability and independence.

"We are excited to have Jennifer join the Northern Policy Institute team. Her knowledge of northern issues will allow her to immediately make a contribution. Her extensive connections across the entire region, Northwest and Northeast, will be of huge benefit as we continue to engage with our 780,000 bosses, the people of Northern Ontario," Cirtwill said.

Findlay has previously worked as an Economic Development Officer with the City of Kenora and will continue to be based in Kenora, helping to further the Institute's mission to reach and engage with as many Northerners as possible.

Her presence in the Northwest will not only help expand the Institute's reach throughout the region, but will be vital in assisting with the placement of two new interns in Kenora this summer. Previously, internships were offered in Sudbury, Thunder Bay, and Sault Ste. Marie, but Northern Policy is pleased to see these opportunities extended to students in Timmins and Kenora this year.

The work space in Kenora was secured through a partnership with the Kenora campus of Confederation College. The Institute gratefully acknowledges this in-kind support, and will continue to work toward facilitating more partnerships between Northern organizations in the future.

**Media Interviews:** 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, Sudbury, and soon in 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.*