

Making a Difference in Our Regions

Northern Policy Institute (NPI) exists to make things better in Northern Ontario. We do that by providing evidence-based analysis of what needs to be done, and how best to do it. We then report, publicly, on results from new programs or policy changes. Below is just a sample of the impact our work has had on the various regions of Northern Ontario.

- **Action** – 2022 - NPI hosts "**Saving lives & money: 2+1 Roads – webinar.**"
- **Impact** – 2023 – Ontario launches 2 plus 1 highway pilot in Northern Ontario.

- **Action** – 2022 - NPI publishes "**Magnetic North: Attraction, Retention, and Welcoming in Ontario's Northern Regions,**" recommending (among other things) larger Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) catchment areas.
- **Impact** – 2023 – The federal government expands the Rural & Northern Immigration Pilot to include areas outside urban hubs in Northern Ontario.

- **Action** – 2022 - NPI publishes "**Taking Aim: French-Speaking Migration Targets, Timmins 2016-2026.**"
- **Impact** – 2022 - The City of Timmins sets new Francophone attraction and settlement targets directly citing "Taking Aim".

- **Action** - 2021. NPI publishes "**Connecting the Dots: Lessons from the International & Community Matchmaker Pilot.**" The Matchmaker Pilot was an NPI four-year applied research project designed to test locally based regional resources to help individual communities welcome and assist newcomers and their families.
- **Impact** – 2022 - Réseau du Nord and the Société Économique de L'Ontario create permanent "matchmaker" positions within their teams to assist francophone communities in welcoming newcomers.

- **Action** – 2018 - NPI publishes "**Places to Grow: Best Practices for Community-based Regional Economic Development in Ontario's North.**"
- **Impact** – 2019 - Anishnawbe Business Professional Association (Northern Ontario) is founded.

- **Action** – 2018 - NPI publishes "**Northern Attraction Series,**" outlining the basis for a dedicated northern & rural approach to population growth and proposing the program design. This includes a recommendation to create a targeted rural and northern immigration pilot.
- **Impact** – 2019 - Canada launches the Rural & Northern Immigration Pilot.

- **Action** – 2015 - NPI publishes "**Does the Spring Bear Hunt Make Cents?**"
- **Impact** – 2016 (pilot) and 2021 (permanent) - Spring bear hunt reintroduced in Ontario.

- **Action** - 2014 - NPI publishes "**Picking up the Pieces: A Community-School-Based Approach to First Nations Education Renewal.**"
- **Impact** – 2017 - Indigenous Institutes Act is passed in Ontario. Empowering locally based, Indigenous controlled, post-secondary institutions.