Trends in Northern Regions: Implications for Northern Ontario

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Vision for Northern Ontario in 2030
Trends in Northern Regions
Demographics

Accelerated population aging

Youth out-migration

Slow Growth & Decline

Rapid growth
Population Change CAs & CMAs, 2006-2016
Nfld. & Labrador

Report predicts plummeting population for rural Newfoundland and Labrador

Grim numbers from MUN's Harris Centre forecast drop of up to 40 per cent

Sarah Smellie • CBC News • Posted: Sep 07, 2017 7:20 PM NT | Last Updated: September 8, 2017
Money to move: N.L. government offers up to $270K per home to clear out tiny towns

Jeff Lagerquist, CTVNews.ca Staff
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Economic Restructuring

More productive but smaller workforces in mining and forestry

Globalization

Boom-bust economies
“Automation won’t just replace certain workers, it will also cause millions of Canadian jobs to be obsolete.”

- David Ticoll 2017
Our goal is to have no people underground with a fully autonomous fleet that can be operated from the surface.

- Major mining company in Northern Ontario
Infrastructure Deficit & Service Provision

Access to Broadband

Deteriorating roads

Access to clean drinking water, education, and safe housing
Governance

“Forgotten North”

Doing more with less
Insights for Northern Ontario
#1

Be Bold
#2

Act Regionally
“... if you took a pencil in your hand and you snapped it, it’s easy. But if you put five pencils in your hand, you can’t break that.”

Key Informant – Stuck Between A Rock & A Hard Place, Hall 2012
Regional Districts, British Columbia

Regional Economic Development Boards (REDBs), Newfoundland & Labrador
#3
Reimagine Resource Development
Rip-it-out-and ship-it-out
VS Value-added

Resource
Revenue Sharing
Foster a Culture of Innovation
Smart Specialisation (S3)

- Analysis of Regional Context
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Policy Mix
- Identification of Priorities
- Governance
- Shared Vision

Source: European Commission 2013
Entrepreneurship
Training &
Mentorship

Problem Pitch
Competitions &
Prizes

Northern Research
Centres
Northern Ontario Matters
“[We need] a future in the North for our children ,”

–Don McKinnon
[father, northerner and prospector]
1990: 22.
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