

Northern Development Council 2007 Growing and Strengthening Northern Business

What are your top five strategies in order of importance? Please write in the strategy number.

1st priority _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____ 5th _____

- 1) Develop an economic development framework for Northern Ontario in partnership with community, political and economic groups that reflects regional priorities and builds upon existing and emerging opportunities.
- 2) Work with public and private partners to further develop Northern Ontario's key transportation systems (air, rail, water, roads, winter roads and trails).
- 3) Support land use planning approaches that realize the values and importance land has to people, communities and economies by engaging those affected (e.g. Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities, private interests, landowners, governments and the general public).
- 4) Examine taxation incentives and changes to regulations and policies to stimulate business/economic growth in Northern Ontario.
- 5) Review government programs and policies to ensure northern factors (e.g. distance, single industry towns, small populations and traditional land uses) are consistently reflected.
- 6) Support the development, renewal and maintenance of community infrastructure needed to advance economic opportunities. Strategic infrastructure may include water/sewer, information/communication networks, community facilities, housing and health/education facilities.
- 7) Support government's expansion of training and education programs to meet Northern Ontario's workforce needs (i.e. add new programs and increase enrolment in existing programs).
- 8) Continue to invest in the economic development efforts of communities and industry/business sectors in Northern Ontario.
- 9) Help more northern entrepreneurs, businesses and organizations access public and private capital for economic growth.
- 10) Continue to work with Aboriginal communities, entrepreneurs and partners to grow and strengthen Aboriginal enterprises.
- 11) Help entrepreneurs, businesses and organizations pursue emerging economic opportunities in Northern Ontario such as bio-products, alternative energy, biotechnology, health/social/education services, aerospace/aviation, mining supply and services, new tourism markets, and telecommunications services/call centres.
- 12) Expand research and development (R&D) in existing and emerging economic sectors to increase opportunities in Northern Ontario's economy.
- 13) Work with northern partners to research and support development of the energy sector (wind, bio, co-generation, water and solar opportunities as well as transmission and distribution systems).
- 14) Increase access and use of communication and information technology infrastructure and services.
- 15) Continue and expand promotion of Northern Ontario in provincial, national and international markets to grow Northern business and to attract visitors and investors.
- 16) Support and expand secondary manufacturing and processing in Northern Ontario (e.g. further processing of raw materials in the North)
- 17) Support strategies to encourage people to move to Northern Ontario (e.g. people returning home to the North, new immigrants or others moving to the North for the first time).

Please think about each priority you have chosen and what steps the Northern Development Council can take to support these priorities.

1st priority _____

How would you suggest doing this?

2nd _____

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3rd _____

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4th _____

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5th _____

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The NDC would like to hear from you, if you feel comfortable, please fax or email the survey to:

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