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FONOM sticks up for FEDNOR

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Kapuskasing, ON – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) says they recognize FEDNOR investments in Northern Ontario communities, despite some recent criticism.

The Northern Policy Institute (NPI) in partnership with the Mowat Centre and the Institute for Competitiveness and Prosperity recently developed a Federal Economic Agenda for Ontario discussion paper.

During their consultations with northern stakeholders, NPI released preliminary feedback that states there is a lack of engagement from FedNor in northeastern communities.

"While we don't disagree with the discussion around many of the issues raised in the Federal Economic Agenda for Ontario, we cannot support the notion that FedNor lacks in their contribution and leadership to northern Ontario," says Mayor Alan Spacek of Kapuskasing and President of FONOM in a release Sunday.

"Recent announcements in the region alone demonstrate that FedNor is committed to supporting job creation and economic growth in the North.'

FedNor continues to invest in Northern Ontario through numerous programs, services and financial support of projects that lead to job creation and economic growth. The Northern Ontario Development Program, as an example, has invested \$329 million since 2006 in support of more than 1,600 projects and resulted in support of more than 21,500 jobs throughout the north.

While it is positive to hear that the Northern Policy Institute has received significant feedback to date it is important to recognize the continued investments by FedNor into the region.

FONOM says they look forward to providing feedback on the discussion paper.





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