

BOARD OF GOVERNORS' REPORT to O-AGC
February 25, 2013

A Board of Governors' meeting was held February 1, 2013 and a Board retreat was held the day after.

Please note that the Governors attend Committee of the Whole meeting prior to the Board of Governor meeting. These meetings allow time for in-depth discussions and then formalized at the Board meeting.

NORTHERN POLICY INSTITUTE UPDATE:

- The members of the institute's first board were announced Feb. 1. Board members were chosen from approximately 70 nominations and expressions of interest.
- Martin Bayer, an attorney at Weaver Simmons in Sudbury, is the aboriginal representative among the 10 inaugural directors. Mr. Bayer was born in Sudbury and raised on the M'Chigeeng First Nation on Manitoulin Island. He continues to be an active member of the Sudbury and Manitoulin communities. His practice is in the areas of Aboriginal Law, Natural Resources, General Litigation, Commercial Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution.
- Comprising the board are Florence Bailey (Sioux Lookout), Martin Bayer (Sudbury), Thérèse Bergeron-Hopson (Timmins), Harley d'Entremont (North Bay), George Macey (Marathon), Hal McGonigal (Sault Ste. Marie), Doug Murray (Thunder Bay), and Madge Richardson (Thunder Bay). Laurentian University president Dominic Giroux and Lakehead University president Brian Stevenson will serve as voting ex-officio members of the board.
- The board will immediately begin recruitment of NPI's founding executive director.
- The NPI is an independent, not-for-profit organization based at Lakehead University and Laurentian University in Sudbury and is aimed at developing and promoting policy options for Northern Ontario on behalf of the provincial government.
- The province has provided \$5 million to cover some of the policy institute's costs. The institute could look at issues such as "engaging with First Nations communities and improving the socioeconomic situation in the region".

KENDAASIWIN CENTRE:

Deb Comuzzi, Rod Hanley and Kathy Pozihun presented goals, program plans and the proposed site for the Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre. Recommendation was made for the Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre to be the site of the Prettie Residence, approximate size is 69,308 square feet. It is hoped that LU will have a shovel ready plan in 30-60 days.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Bouchard