

Northwestern Ontario Entrepreneurial Symposium

**Monday October 5, 2009
Victoria Inn, Thunder Bay
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

This past June, a panel of economic development practitioners along with municipal and government representatives were asked the same questions regarding the Northwestern Ontario economy; What is the potential in Northwestern Ontario?, What are the external and internal drivers?, What does Northwestern Ontario look like?, and Where do we go from here?

As a result, it was determined that further input was required from the businesses and more importantly, entrepreneurs in Northwestern Ontario. As key contributors to the Northwestern Ontario economy, this level of input is highly valued and will be the driver of this symposium.

Entrepreneurs will be discussing the following questions with participants which in turn will be followed by a networking light dinner:

1. What do you see as the potential/vision for Northwestern Ontario?
2. What opportunities exist and subsequent challenges do you face as an entrepreneur?
3. How do you make your vision a reality? What would make it easier to accomplish your goals?

For those interested in attending, the intent of the symposium is to discuss how we can move forward as a region. There is no request to discuss or reveal entrepreneurial ideas as the primary purpose of the event is to share experiences from an entrepreneurial perspective in Northwestern Ontario. The event will follow-up the panel discussions with a group discussion where we will ask: How do we work together to move forward as a group and region?

Below you can view the agenda for the symposium:

<u>Agenda</u>	
2:00	Welcome and MC- Katherine Turner, FedNor
2:15	Round Table Introductions
2:20- 3:20	First Moderated Entrepreneurial Panel Discussion (3-5 Entrepreneurs) Moderator – Judy Sander
3:20-3:30	Networking Break
3:30- 4:30	Second Moderated Entrepreneurial Panel Discussion (3-5 Entrepreneurs) Moderator – Dan Brenzavich
4:30- 5:00	Next Steps – Entire Group Moderator – Katherine Turner
5:00	Networking Dinner

