

Ring of Fire Task Force (RFTF) Outcomes Report

June 30, 2017

Mandate:

The Ring of Fire Task Force will seek to advance the development of the Ring of Fire and ensure the voice of Sudbury and surrounding communities is heard in its development.

Outcomes:

- 1. Continue to collaborate with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) to help advance the recommendations of the OCC's two Ring of Fire reports.**
- 2. Act as a communications voice to our membership and the public to raise awareness about the importance of the Ring of Fire and the potential business opportunities that will come with the development.**
 - On 14 October 2016, the chamber's President & CEO and Policy & PR Manager met with MP Marc Serré to discuss federal issues of importance to the business community including the Ring of Fire.
 - On 26 January 2017, the chamber hosted Alan Coutts, President and CEO, Noront Resources Ltd for a President's Series Luncheon. A private roundtable with Mr. Coutts and industry representatives preceded the luncheon. A media advisory was published on 20 January 2017.
 - On 25 May 2017, the chamber hosted Dr. Christine Kaszycki, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines for a President's Series Luncheon. A private roundtable with Ms. Kaszycki and industry representatives preceded the luncheon. A media advisory was published on 19 May 2017.
- 3. Use our CCC policy resolution to actively lobby the federal government to publicly commit to physical infrastructure funding for the Ring of Fire; collaborate with the Sudbury and Nickel Belt MPs to advance this objective.**
 - At the Canadian Chamber of Commerce's 2016 AGM, the chamber submitted a resolution entitled *Make the Ring of Fire a Priority of National Significance*. This resolution was adopted by the delegates. A copy of this resolution was forwarded to MPs Serré and Lefebvre.
 - On 26 November 2016, RFTF heard a presentation from MP Paul Lefebvre and had the opportunity to ask questions.
 - On 27 January 2017, RFTF heard a presentation from MP Marc Serré and had the opportunity to ask questions.
 - On 21 April 2017, the chamber hosted a President's Series Luncheon and a private roundtable with MPs Marc Serré and Paul Lefebvre during which some members of the task force had the opportunity to inquire about and advocate for the Ring of Fire.
- 4. Collaborate with various stakeholders such as SAMSSA, mining companies, local First Nations and other partners to form a common position and action plan on the Ring of Fire. Respond to important Ring of Fire announcements and**

developments to ensure the unique needs of Greater Sudbury and surrounding communities are represented and voiced. Consider taking a position on issues such as the preferred transportation route.

- On 24 February 2017, RFTF heard a presentation from Stephen Lindley of SNC-Lavalin regarding the Regional Community Service Corridor Study.
 - On 31 March 2017, RFTF heard a presentation from Doug Morrison, President and CEO, CEMI regarding CEMI's proposal to connect remote communities in Northern Ontario with hoverbarges.
 - A working group has been struck to help develop a Procurement, Employment and Partnerships conference and tradeshow planned for February 2018. This working group includes chamber staff, Stephen Lindley (SNC-Lavalin), Dave Rector (SAMSSA), and JM Chenier (GSDC).
 - On 27 June 2017, RFTF will meet to discuss any formal responses the chamber should make regarding Premier Wynne's letter to the Matawa Chiefs and her 23 May 2017 commitment to action within "weeks not months".
- 5. Work with the municipal government and other stakeholders to ensure Greater Sudbury has strong representation within provincial and federal Ring of Fire decision-making bodies such as the Ring of Fire Development Corporation Board and the Ring of Fire Secretariat.**
- On 31 March 2017, MPTF heard an update from Paul Reid regarding GSDC's efforts to attract Noront's potential chromite processing facility to Greater Sudbury.
 - On 23 May 2017, the chamber hosted Premier Kathleen Wynne and Minister Glenn Thibeault for a Meet the Minister Luncheon. Members were able to ask the Premier about the Ring of Fire advocate for further progress.
 - On 12 June 2017, President and CEO D Nicholson attended a private dinner with Alan Coutts and Steve Flewelling of Noront. This dinner was hosted by GSDC in connection with Noront's visit to Greater Sudbury to review potential processing facility sites.
 - On 24 February 2017, RFTF heard a presentation from Stephen Lindley, Vice President, Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, SNC-Lavalin regarding the Regional Community Service Corridor Study.
 - On 26 January 2017, RFTF members participated in a private roundtable with Alan Coutts, President and CEO, Noront Resources Ltd.
- 6. Gain an understanding of the potential impact Ring of Fire related infrastructure can have in the community and work with public and private sector stakeholders to secure Greater Sudbury as the selected location for future Ring of Fire related infrastructure and processing facilities. Ensure environmental concerns are addressed in this process.**
- 7. Explore how the chamber can work with post-secondary institutions to leverage its membership base to help advance mentorship opportunities between Greater**

Sudbury based businesses and emerging First Nations businesses in the Far North.

8. Host an event that brings industry, First Nations and government to the table to showcase best practices in developing joint-venture relations with the First Nations communities.

- The chamber is planning to host a procurement, employment and partnerships (PEP) conference and tradeshow in February 2018 regarding mining in Northern Ontario.
- The PEP event has been developed in partnership with Stephen Lindley, SNC-Lavalin and will be further developed in partnership with a working group including Stephen Lindley (SNC-Lavalin), Dave Rector (SAMSSA), and JM Chenier (GSDC).
- RFTF has heard regular updates about the development of this event and has provided staff with input (27 January 2017, 31 March 2017 and 26 May 2017).

Meetings:

From October 2016 to June 2017, RFTF met 6 times (25 November 2016, 27 January 2017, 24 February 2017, 31 March 2017, 26 May 2017 and 27 June 2017).

There were no meetings in October, December, and April.

Guest Speakers:

On 26 November 2016, RFTF heard a presentation from MP Paul Lefebvre regarding the work of the federal government on the Ring of Fire and the advocacy of the Northern Ontario Liberal Caucus for the Ring of Fire to federal cabinet ministers.

On 26 November 2016, RFTF heard a presentation from Dr. Christine Kaszycki, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ring of Fire Secretariat. She provided an update on the status of the Ring of Fire project.

On 27 January 2017, RFTF heard a presentation from MP Marc Serré. MP Serré provided an update on the federal work on the Ring of Fire.

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