

RING OF FIRE TASK FORCE OUTCOMES REPORT 2017-2018

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

PEP Conference and Tradeshow:

- 1. Plan and host a Procurement, Employment and Partnerships (PEP) Conference and Tradeshow in February 2018 to build connections between businesses in Northern and Southern Ontario, and between indigenous and non-indigenous businesses.**
 - a. On 29 September 2017, the task force heard a presentation from staff on the upcoming PEP Conference and Tradeshow. This was an opportunity for the task force to provide feedback and input into the planning process.
 - b. On 5 – 7 February 2018, the chamber hosted a PEP Conference and Tradeshow.
- 2. Collaborate with various stakeholders (e.g. SAMSSA, mining companies, local First Nations, post-secondary institutions) to attract speakers, panelists, exhibitors and attendees to PEP.**
 - a. The chamber collaborated with stakeholders to attract speakers, panelists, exhibitors and attendees to PEP. PEP featured 25 speakers, 7 panel discussions, 3 keynote addresses, 14 tradeshow booths, and 250 attendees.

Other:

- 1. Serve 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.**
 - a. On 3 January 2018, 1 February 2018, 2 February 2018, 5 February 2018, and 6 February 2018, the chamber released media advisories raising awareness about the PEP conference and tradeshow and by extension the Ring of Fire.
 - b. On 27 March 2018, the chamber's Chair of the Board wrote a letter to the editor expressing the business community's support for the establishment of the Noront FPF in the City of Greater Sudbury.
 - c. In April and May 2018, the chamber collaborated with the GSDC on a public relations campaign to attract the Noront Ferrochrome Production Facility to Greater Sudbury.
 - d. The chamber included and continues to include news and information about the Ring of Fire in its *Impact* newsletters.
- 2. Use our CCC policy resolution as a foundation to 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.**
 - a. During meetings with the Sudbury and Nickel Belt MPs on 16 January 2018 and 8 June 2018, the chamber advocated for the expeditious development of the Ring of Fire.

- 3. Continue to pressure the provincial government to move forward expeditiously to develop road access to the Far North and Ring of Fire.**
 - a. On 27 November 2017, the task force heard a presentation from Dr. Christine Kaszycki, Assistant Deputy Minister, MNDM. This was used as an opportunity to advocate for the expeditious development of the Ring of Fire.
 - b. On 27 November 2017, the task force members heard from Stephen Lindley, Vice President, Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, SNC Lavalin regarding the status of the Matawa communities and the development of an all-season road.
 - c. On 27 April 2018, at the OCC AGM, the chamber publicly advocated to Premier Kathleen Wynne to expedite the development of the Ring of Fire.
 - d. At the Sudbury and Nickel Belt All Candidates' events on 23 May 2018 and 29 May 2018, the chamber asked candidates how their party would expedite the development of the Ring of Fire.
- 4. Respond to important Ring of Fire announcements and developments to ensure the unique needs of Greater Sudbury and surrounding communities are represented and voiced.**
 - a. The chamber has been following the Province's and Noront Resources' announcements and developments on the Ring of Fire and sharing the information with the task force.
- 5. Continue to work with the municipal government and other stakeholders to ensure the Greater Sudbury business community can maximize its economic benefit from the development of the Ring of Fire.**
 - a. On 5 April 2018, the chamber met with a representative from the Greater Sudbury Development Corporation about the creation of its Ring of Fire Committee and have agreed to work cooperatively for the benefit of the business community.
 - b. In April and May 2018, the chamber collaborated with the GSDC on a public relations campaign to attract the Noront Ferrochrome Production Facility to Greater Sudbury.
- 6. Gain an understanding of the potential impact Ring of Fire related infrastructure can have in the community and work with the 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 the process.**
 - a. On 27 November 2017 and 22 March 2018, the task force heard presentations from Liam McGill, Manager of Investment and Business Development, GSDC on the status of its bid to Noront to host the Ferrochrome Production Facility.
 - b. On 22 January 2018, the chamber submitted a letter of support to the GSDC's bid to host the Noront Ferrochrome Production Facility in Greater Sudbury.
 - c. In April and May 2018, the chamber collaborated with the GSDC on a public relations campaign to attract the Noront Ferrochrome Production Facility to Greater Sudbury.
- 7. Share with our members and the broader business community our positions, if and when feasible.**
 - a. The chamber continues to include new about the Ring of Fire in its *Impact* newsletters when appropriate.

Advocacy Wins:

On 21 August 2017, Premier Kathleen Wynne announced an agreement between the provincial government and three Matawa communities to begin the development of an all-season road to the Ring of Fire.

On 6 October 2017, the federal government and the Province of Ontario announced a \$69.2M investment in broadband in the Ring of Fire region.

On 5-7 February 2018, the chamber successfully executed the inaugural PEP Conference and Tradeshow.

Meetings:

From September 2017 to June 2018, the Ring of Fire Task Force held four meetings (9 September 2017, 27 November 2017, 22 March 2018, and 22 June 2018).

Guest Speakers:

On 27 November 2017, the task force heard a presentation from Dr. Christine Kaszcycki, Assistant Deputy Minister, MNDM and Stephen Lindley, Vice President, Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, SNC Lavalin on the status of the Ring of Fire.

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