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NOACC Annual General Meeting Celebrates One Voice for Northwestern Ontario

The Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce (NOACC) is holding their 72nd Annual General Meeting in Fort Frances at the La Place Rendezvous Hotel from September 27 to 29, 2007. The AGM will be attended by representatives from Northwestern Ontario Chambers of Commerce, community leaders, politicians, partners and local business committees.

Several speakers will address important issues concerning the growth and development of our community. The line-up of influential speakers includes Dr. Robert Rosehart - Northwestern Ontario Economic Facilitator; Jack Allston - Senior Economic Development Consultant; Ken Boshcoff, MP - Thunder Bay/Rainy River and other community leaders.

NOACC is committed to the preservation and development of our unique communities to ensure a healthy economic future and a superior quality of life for our member Chambers, regional business district and the citizens of Northwestern Ontario. The NOACC AGM intends to bring to the fore ideas, issues and solutions that will improve and enhance the socio-economic future of Northwestern Ontario. As the voice of business, NOACC believes that action, as an entire region, is the means to ensuring a positive future for Northwestern Ontario.

NOACC President, Barry Streib states that "Working together as one voice for Northwestern Ontario not only strengthens our community, but increases our ability to accomplish goals through collaborative efforts and adds further credibility when lobbying the government for proactive change in the region".

The NOACC AGM will be tackling concerns in our region that warrant much attention, praise and debate. The NOACC delegates will be debating over 12 new resolutions that will be delivered to the various provincial and federal ministries in 2007. Other items on the agenda include the Elections Ontario MMP Referendum, Forging the Future initiatives, labour market trends, opportunities and priorities, mining industry updates, Northern Places to Grow Act and economic development opportunities.

For individuals interested in attending this year's NOACC AGM, registration information is available through the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce at 624-2626.

The Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce (NOACC) is the active Voice of Business in Northwestern Ontario.

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