

# **OFNEF 2016**

## **Roundtable on Infrastructure**

**All Ontario Chiefs Conference**

**Fort William- Independent First Nation**

**Monday, June 27, 3-7 p.m. Valhalla Inn**

# OFNEF Overview

- COO, MIRR, and INAC are developing three roundtables leading towards OFNEF 2016, to be held in Toronto, October 12-13. The objective of OFNEF 2016 is to establish economic development initiatives and work plans that will provide tangible results.
- In January of 2010 the Ontario First Nations Economic Forum (OFNEF) took place in Fort William First Nation. The goal of this gathering was to bring together leaders from across the province in order to improve socio-economic conditions and build capacity for First Nation communities in Ontario.

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- In fall of 2015 the Chiefs of Ontario, in conjunction with the Province of Ontario, hosted *Leaders in the Legislature* at Queens Park. During the economic development session, it was proposed that OFNEF 2016 be held.
- The Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada have since committed to participating in OFNEF 2016 to mutually identify gaps, examine solutions, and identify specific actions items that will lead to wealth creation, increased infrastructure and improved socio-economic conditions for First Nations in Ontario.
- OFNEF 2016, October 12-13 at the Toronto Sheraton Centre, will feature a report on the roundtables; keynote speakers; panels, workshops; and a trade show.

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- Social infrastructure funding is urgently needed for housing, roads, water, green energy, and broadband internet. Lack of basic infrastructure directly leads to poverty, poor education, poor health, high rates of incarceration, missing and murdered, and children in care.
- In order to move forward in terms of creating healthy, sustainable First Nation economies, basic infrastructure needs must be met.
- **“Before First Nations can fully participate and build our economies, the root causes of poverty and despair must be addressed. We need to level the socio-economic playing field in regard to equally sharing our lands and resources. Once that is accomplished, First Nations will become the economic engines that will generate prosperity for all.”**
- -- Regional Chief Isadore Day

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- Dale Booth, representing the Canadian Council for Public Private Partnerships (P3), will open and set the tone for the Roundtable with the recently released 2016 report:

## **P3”s: Bridging the First Nations Infrastructure Gap**

- “First Nations continue to struggle with an immense infrastructure deficit on reserve and an outdated procurement and financing model that stands to further strain the dire state of infrastructure in these communities”.
- The list of presenters are on the following slides. There will be time for Questions and Answers; input; and a reception to allow more participants and observers to carry on the conversation.

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- Geordie Kakepetum, of KO Chiefs and NCC Developments, will present on microgrid energy and clean water projects.
- Chief Peter Collins will present on Fort William First Nation's new housing development in partnership with CMHC.
- The Ontario First Nation Technical Services Corporation (OFTSC) will present on housing, water and waste water projects.
- FedNor will provide an update on the \$750,000 Ring of Fire transportation corridor study.
- (Other presentation to be confirmed)

# Thank you!

For more information, and to provide further input into the OFNEF roundtable report, please contact Bryan Hendry:

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**OFNEF** 2016  
Ontario First Nation Economic Forum

October 12-13, Sheraton Centre,  
Toronto, 123 Queen Street West

**Wealth Creation:** investment, employment and skills training, industry partnerships, procurement  
**Infrastructure:** housing, water, waste water, all season roads  
**Resource Revenue/Benefit Sharing:** mining, forestry and gasoline

The poster features a night-time photograph of the Toronto skyline, including the CN Tower and the Rogers Centre, with the city lights reflected in the water.