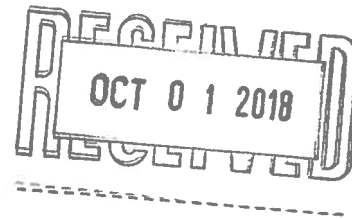


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Please find attached a copy of a FONOM Media Release, as we comment on the Province of Ontario's Development of a Forest Strategy.

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The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

FONOM to Participate in the Development of Ontario's Provincial Forestry Strategy

September 28, 2018 - The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is pleased with Ontario's recent announcement of the government's plan to develop a provincial forestry strategy to reduce red tape and create an environment that supports growth and competitiveness within the sector.

As announced by Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry yesterday, the government will be holding nine roundtable sessions over the coming months, beginning in November in Sault Ste. Marie, to get input from the forest industry, municipal leaders and Indigenous communities.

"We thank the Minister and his government for taking on this initiative to ensure the forest sector remains competitive. FONOM looks forward to providing input throughout the consultation process," stated Councillor Danny Whalen of Temiskaming Shores and FONOM President. "FONOM Past President and Mayor of Kapuskasing, Al Spacek, will be the FONOM representative participating in this initiative."

Forestry is the backbone of many communities across the North and provides good paying jobs while encouraging biodiversity and the protection of wildlife habitats. Ensuring that the sector remains competitive through a reduction in red tape while continuing to operate under the highest standards of sustainable forest management practices is to the advantage of all Ontarians.

We look forward to being part of the discussion.

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