



## Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association News Update Fall 2014

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### ISSUES NOMA IS ADDRESSING

- **Seeking Intervener Status in TransCanada Pipelines Energy East Project**

NOMA is recommending that TransCanada Pipelines commit to installing valves on both sides of significant water crossings; ensure that the pipeline will be shut down at the first sign of a potential problem and conduct frequent inspections. We have also suggested that TransCanada Pipelines consult with all impacted communities to identify what a significant waterway entails.

- **Request that the Ministry of Finance move on PLT Reform**

NOMA is requesting a phased in approach be undertaken that specifically looks at social costs, policing, health unit, etc. Further, NOMA is requesting that the unincorporated areas payment be based on an updated cost at the current level.

- **Supporting a resolution to expand VIA Rail Service**

NOMA is supporting a resolution put forward to see VIA Rail expand train service along the north shore to the Manitoba border.

- **Working with the Energy Task Force on Energy Needs for the Northwest**

The Energy Task Force conducted a meeting with officials from the Ontario Power Authority, Ontario Energy Board, Ministry of Energy and Independent Energy System Operator. While there has been some movement recognizing energy needs, there is still a lot of work to do. This issue will be brought forward with Minister's at every chance.

- **Provincial Policy Statement**

NOMA has met with officials from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to discuss the Northern Primer of the Provincial Policy Statement. NOMA will be requesting some revisions to the Primer.

### NOMA Wins Wood Works Award

David Canfield, NOMA President and Mayor of Kenora was presented with a Wood Champion Award in recognition of NOMA's advocacy for changes to the Ontario Building Code that now allow for structures up to six storeys built using wood.

### A Fond Farewell

As a result of the recent municipal election, Mayor Roy Hoffman, Mayor Gord Dingman and Councillor Andrew Hallikas will be leaving the NOMA board. Reeve Gary Gamsby retired from political life. We wish them well in their future endeavours. Best wishes gentlemen!