

# Commerce Northwest to present resolutions

The Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce is to be represented this week at Queen's Park by 21 area business people who are presenting 15 key concerns to Premier Davis and his Cabinet on November 16th.

President of the Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce, Bob Mapledoram, will lead the delegation. He said that the Chambers of Commerce in Northwestern Ontario would like to have more input into

government policy development and that their main intent is not to simply ask government for handouts, but rather to voice the business views of our area communities on key issues which affect Northwestern Ontario develop-

ment. Fifteen resolutions, all unanimously supported by all area Chambers, are to be brought to the attention of the Premier and Cabinet. The following resolutions are to be presented:

(1) To the Ministry of the Environment on Industrial Waste Inventory: Be It Resolved that the Province of Ontario direct the Ontario Waste Management Corporation to carry a complete inventory of significant industrial wastes prior to the introduction of any new age regulations affecting their disposal.

(2) To the Ministry of Health, Community and Social Services regarding Senior Citizen Accommodation: Be It Resolved that the appropriate Ministries expedite services to senior citizens and provide the required facilities tailored to the needs of the individual communities.

(3) To the Ministry of Education concerning Equal Education Opportunities: Be It Resolved that the Minister of Education be requested to review the formula for sharing of the educational burden in northern communities, and to immediately assume responsibility for the equal opportunity of education in the northern communities until such an equitable formula can be created.

(4) To the M.N.R. regarding Float Planes in Wilderness Parks: Be It

Resolved that the Ministry of Natural Resources permit limited Ontario access by float planes in all wilderness parks.

(5) To the M.T.C. on Log Hauling: Be It Resolved that the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, the Ontario Provincial Police and the forest industry step up their enforcement of existing regulations.

(6) To the M.N.R. on Resource Planning: Be It Resolved that the Provincial Government establish an appropriate vehicle to recognize the valuable and worthwhile contribution by the residents and business communities of Northwestern Ontario at the inception of planning for resource based projects.

(7) To the M.N.R. on Walleye Rearing Ponds: Be It Resolved that the Ministry of Natural Resources with assistance from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Canada) develop walleye rearing ponds in the back bays of Northwestern Ontario lakes to restore valuable walleye fisheries to their previous levels.

(8) To the Government of Ontario concerning several agreements with native groups and Strategic Land Use Plan for NWO because of the upset the communities and individuals have expressed over such agreements and plans: Be It Resolved that full disclosure and open consulta-

tion be made with all parties who may be affected in advance of any such agreement so that long-term economic planning can be done by such communities or individuals and they may display confidence in our government.

(9) To the M.N.R. on Log Exchanges: Be It Resolved that the Ministry of Natural Resources insist that meaningful log-pulpwood-chip exchanges be negotiated between companies with adjacent sawmills and pulpmills.

(10) To the M.T.C. on Service Road Improvements: Be It Resolved that the Ministry of Transportation and Communications act to bring this service road up to the standard of a secondary highway. (The roads being discussed are the insufficient link between Hwy. 17 in the area east of Thunder Bay and Hwy. 625 from Caramat to Hwy. 11 and Hwy. 614 to 17 and the service road between Caramat and Manitowadge of approx. 96 km. presently under consideration to be used primarily as a wood hauling road). This would benefit all communities located on Highways 11 and 17.

(11) To the Ministry of the Environment on Waste Disposal Assessment and Control: Be It Resolved that the Ministry of Environment streamline its decision-making process for new waste management sites.

(12) To the Ministries of Northern Affairs and Agriculture concerning the Rural Development Agreement: Be It Resolved that the Ministries of Agriculture and Northern Affairs extend the Northern Ontario Rural Development Agreement programme for a minimum of three years.

(13) To the Ministry of Northern Affairs on the Royal Commission on the Northern Environment concerning the large sums of money which have been spent on this study and the fact that the report is now several months overdue and that extension after extension has been granted to the Commission. Be It Resolved that the Minister of Northern Affairs instruct the Royal Commission to produce a final report by December 31, 1983 and that all further funding be provided only towards the production of the final report.

(14) To the Ministry of the Environment on Environmental Assessments: Be It Resolved that the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act be removed from those municipal projects which represent an orderly development of community infrastructure, and furthermore, that whenever the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act is imposed on municipal projects that all other approvals be automatically granted following an approval of a project by the Environmental Assessment Board.

(15) To the Ministry of Natural Resources concerning Crown Land Acquisition: Be It Resolved that all Ministries support the government objectives by specifically expediting their respective Ministry approvals to ensure that property for facilities is available to meet those objectives.

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