

## **Northern Region Meeting and Program**

***Navigating the unique educational challenges and opportunities in Northern Ontario***

**Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27, 2024**  
Thunder Bay, [Valhalla Hotel and Conference Centre](#)

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

*Valhalla Hotel, Ballroom 3*

**5:00 p.m.** Registration

**5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Welcome, Working Dinner, Board Profiles Showcase, and Keynote Speaker:

**Working with the Public Education System – *The State of Modern Mining in Ontario and Opportunities for Students in the Sector***

Presented by Bryan Wilson, VP & General Manager of Côté Gold Mine

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**

*Valhalla Hotel, Ballroom 3*

**8:30 a.m.** Breakfast

**9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

**Use of a Strengths-Focused Assessment Approach in a Collaborative Education-Based Pediatric Clinic**

Presented by Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, Lakehead DSB

**10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** Networking Break

**10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Superior Greenstone DSB Partnerships with local First Nations, the development of an engagement framework and collaboration with the Anishinabek Education System**

Presented by Will Goodman, Director of Education, Superior Greenstone DSB

**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Lunch

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Northern Regional Council Meeting**

**2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Networking Break

**3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Student Transportation - Unique Challenges and Opportunities in the North**

Presented by OPSBA

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Experiential Learning, Indigenous Learning and Academic Excellence**

Presented by Darren Lentz, Principal, Lakehead DSB

*\*This presentation will also feature a hands-on birch bark activity*

**5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**“Is there a role for school board trustees in Indigenous language revitalization and immersion?”**

Presented by Dr. Paul Cormier, Lakehead University

**6:00 p.m.**

Dinner on your own

**Hotel Accommodations**

Attendees are responsible for booking their own hotel accommodations. OPSBA has secured a special rate at the Valhalla Hotel & Conference Centre. Rooms will be available for booking until **Friday, September 27, 2024**, or while inventory lasts. To book your hotel stay, please visit: [Valhalla Hotel & Conference Centre](#) and enter OPSBA group code “1245338”. Or call the hotel toll-free at 1-800-964-1121 and quote OPSBA group code “1245338”.

**Registration**

A Registration Fee of \$340 +HST, includes a full day of Professional Development, dinner, breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks. To register, please visit: [2024 Northern Region Meeting and Program Registration Page](#).

*Please direct any questions about the 2024 Northern Region Meeting and Program to the OPSBA Events Team, at [pdevents@opsba.org](mailto:pdevents@opsba.org).*