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## Membership Brief – March 2026 Update

### A. Northern Leadership Gathering a Success!

New North was happy to convene the 35 member communities in Prince Albert on March 27<sup>th</sup> for the long-awaited Northern Leadership Gathering. Over 70 attendees representing over 21 northern municipalities, as well as various levels of government and community organizations were in attendance.

The day got off to a strong start, with comments from New North Chair Rick Laliberte, Leader of the Opposition MLA Carla Beck, and the Honourable Buckley Belanger, Secretary of State for Rural Development with the federal government and northern Saskatchewan’s Member of Parliament in Ottawa. MP Belanger expressed his relief that New North is back and moving in the right direction. He expressed his excitement for New North to act as his “premier partner in the north” to advance projects for the betterment of northern communities.



MP Buckley Belanger speaks to his relief that New North has returned.



Board Members Lyle Herman (left), Bruce Fidler (centre left), Abby Besharah (centre right), and Rick Laliberte (right) speak in a panel discussion.

Topics discussed throughout the day included health care support and mental health resources, funding for infrastructure projects, lack of administrative capacity, elder care, and municipal involvement in Impact-Benefit Agreements for major resource developments. The New North Board of Directors thank all who attended and shared their concerns in a respectful manner. These comments and more will be used to inform advocacy efforts going forward.



Group photo of all who attended the March Leadership Gathering in Prince Albert.

## B. Terri-Lynn Beavereye Appointed New North CEO

After a lengthy search process and deliberation, the Board of Directors is finally proud to announce their appointment to the long vacant position of CEO at New North.

Terri-Lynn Beavereye has enjoyed a career of over 37 years working in the north and is excited to be moving to be stepping into the role. Her background includes time as an educator, school administrator, government administrator, and economic development leader. She has most recently worked with Black Lake First Nation in the far north, managing their economic development arm, Black Lake Ventures, as manager and CEO for 11 years.



Newly Appointed CEO Terri-Lynn Beavereye (left) with Board Chair Rick Laliberte (right).

Terri-Lynn will begin her time with New North on May 1<sup>st</sup>, as she wraps up prior commitments, but is excited to connect with and learn from northern municipalities as CEO. Please be patient in this period of onboarding and transition for New North.

## C. Member Engagement Survey

The Membership Needs and Priorities Survey has been reopened to collect more responses. **Please share the link above with the Mayors, Councillors, and Administrator of your community for them to complete.** Survey will remain open until **Thursday, April 30, 2026.**

