

A first symposium on business succession for Northern Ontario!

North Bay, October 8, 2014 – The *Conseil de la coopération de l'Ontario* (CCO) held its first bilingual symposium on business succession for Northern Ontario on October 7, 2014 at *les Compagnons des francs loisirs* in North Bay.

Over 100 people, which included cooperators, social entrepreneurs, community members and students from local high schools, participated in this unique event. Drawn by the *Conseil de la coopération de l'Ontario* and their partner's expertise around business succession, participants were able to attend the unveiling of new innovative transmission tools which put the emphasis on the co-operative and social enterprise development models. This symposium was indeed a great opportunity to launch several tools and resources that were specifically crafted for business owners, buyers and sellers. These resources arrive just at the right moment when the lack of business succession planning becomes quite alarming.

"Our new resources will meet a great need in our communities and will fast track transition. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our financial collaborators, which are the Ontario Trillium Foundation, L'Alliance des caisses populaires de l'Ontario and the caisses populaires of North Bay, Sturgeon Falls and Verner. I would also like to thank everyone who participated to make this symposium an outstanding success!" adds Luc Morin, Executive Director of CCO.

The Conseil de la coopération de l'Ontario is the organization of excellence for the education, promotion, coordination and consulting services in order to insure the development of lasting Francophone co-operatives and social enterprises in Ontario.

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