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## **The CCO Launches a new Office in Thunder Bay to Support Social Innovation in Northwestern Ontario**

**Thunder Bay – June 5, 2019** – The Conseil de la Coopération de l'Ontario (CCO) is pleased to announce the opening of its new office in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

The office is located at 234 Van Norman St., Thunder Bay at the Centre Francophone.

“With this new office, we are excited by our increased capacity to support the social, cooperative, and economic development of the communities of Northwestern Ontario and their traditionally underserved populations,” says Julien Geremie, Executive Director of CCO.

CCO is establishing this office with the support and assistance of its partner in Thunder Bay *La coopérative du regroupement des organismes francophones de Thunder Bay Inc.* (ROFTB Inc.).

CCO will also welcome Paula Haapanen to the team as Manager – Operations Manager: Northern Ontario at the new Thunder Bay office. Paula is a longstanding community member of Thunder Bay and a graduate of Lakehead University. She is a former Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) Coordinator of Thunder Bay and a Community Economic Development Officer with the *Réseau de soutien à l'immigration francophone du Nord de l'Ontario*.

CCO is a non-profit social enterprise founded in 1964. They work to ensure the promotion, development and innovation of cooperatives and social enterprises (which we call all collective enterprises) in Ontario, are leading players in community economic development, are doing research and social innovation, and are experts in organizational management and creating business relationships between international collective enterprises here and elsewhere.

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### **About the Conseil de la coopération de l'Ontario:**

The Conseil de la coopération de l'Ontario is the organization of choice for education, promotion, collaboration and advisory services to ensure the sustainable development of French-language and Bilingual cooperatives



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