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Northern Ontario Angels Announces Appointment of New Executive Director

THUNDER BAY, ON, December 9, 2020 – Northern Ontario Angels (NOA) announced today the appointment of Dalton MacFarlane as its new Executive Director, effective January 4, 2021. MacFarlane will succeed current Executive Director, Mary Long-Irwin, who will transition into an international consulting role and continue to cover the Thunder Bay area and other parts of Northwestern Ontario, in the coming year.

NOA facilitates connections between Northern Ontario's entrepreneurs and accredited angel investors to help start and grow businesses. In recent years, NOA has been named the top-performing angel-funding organization in North America by the Angel Capital Association (ACA).

"Mary has led NOA through a significant reshaping and growth phase over the past decade," says Chris Winrow, Past Chair of NOA. "With Mary's visionary leadership, NOA has undertaken a regional community expansion and has successfully completed 357 deals as of June 2020, totalling \$493.5 million of investment into the northern Ontario economy."

Incoming Executive Director, MacFarlane will work alongside Long-Irwin for approximately one year before she moves into her new position as Director of International Development.

Donna Smith, Chair of NOA, was excited when MacFarlane was hired, "After an extensive search, we are very pleased to welcome Dalton MacFarlane as our next Executive Director. Given his business success track record, depth of entrepreneurial experience and vision of continued growth for NOA, he is an ideal leader to build on the great work of Mary and the rest of the NOA team."

MacFarlane is an experienced entrepreneur with a background in wealth management, economics, international and investor relations. He has worked in senior roles for Economic Development Corporations, Regional Innovation Centres, as well as in a consulting capacity for various First Nations across the North. Most recently, MacFarlane, who resides just outside of

Sault Ste. Marie, has been working in the mining and forestry sectors consulting with First Nations, and developing mutually beneficial partnership structures and opportunities.

Says MacFarlane, “It has been exciting to watch NOA grow its footprint in Northern Ontario and beyond over the last number of years. I look forward to joining the team and building on the great foundation and growth potential in the organization and region.”

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