



Sustainable Northern Ontario Economic Development

Développement économique durable du Nord de l'Ontario

Weekly Newsletter for January 24th

Welcome to the first weekly newsletter of the 2025 SNOED courses. We will be sending out one a week recapping both 101 and 201, as well as course updates, and interesting stories from people in the class.

Administrative notes:

If you have not yet joined the Google Classroom please do so. If you have any questions or difficulties accessing this, please reach out to pberube@snoed.ca. The Google Classroom has the textbook, syllabus, and quizzes.

The course recordings will be made available to everyone the following day. You can access them on Google Classroom or the portal.

Final Project:

All students will participate in an individual consultation with the instructor focusing on developing a written project.

For the final project, you can book a consultation with Dr. Robinson via email drdrobinson@gmail.com or pberube@snoed.ca

101 Week 1:

We started the conversation with a discussion on what is development, and getting different perspectives on what it means. We went through some of the different professional roles that encompass economic development, and people from the course shared their experiences in different roles.

We landed on a nice discussion that was surrounding quality of life in Northern Ontario, and how those with experience in Northern and Southern Ontario have seen quality of life change in recent years.

One of the main priorities of the course each week is to facilitate discussion between students and getting people from across the region to share their stories and insights from working in municipalities, and economic development.

201 Week 1:

We began the course with doing brief introductions with everyone, where they are from and what they do for work.

David began talking Northern Ontario as it relates to Southern Ontario, and where the boundary is between the North and the South.

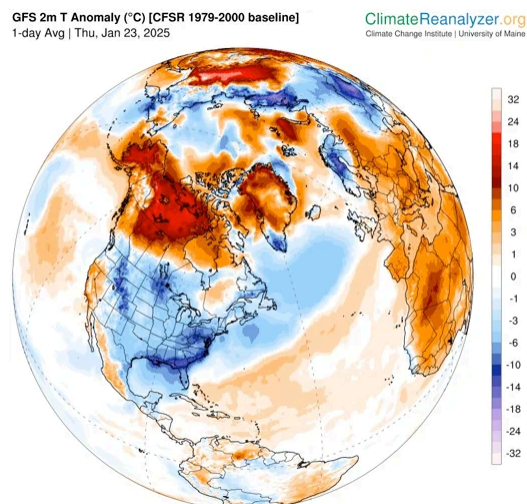
We continued into a longer discussion on sustainability, and the five kinds of capital that go into creating a sustainable economy.

The Weather and the North:

The weather news seems to be about the record cold spell in the southern USA: Snow in Pensacola Florida and ice-skating on the streets of New Orleans. Where we live, though, temperatures are just one or two degrees below the seasonal averages. In Northern Alberta, temperatures are 10-12 degrees above seasonal averages.

This doesn't prove anything about climate change. It does illustrate the kind of wild weather that is becoming normal.

See everyone next week!





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