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TVO seeks Ontario's Aboriginal community's voice for visit to Thunder Bay in February

- TVO brings its flagship current affairs program *The Agenda with Steve Paikin: On the Road*, presented by Vale Inco, to Thunder Bay **February 8 and 9, 2009** for a two-day interactive event examining Ontario's Aboriginal economy
- TVO seeks participation from members of the Aboriginal community across Ontario and any stakeholders and interested parties in the Aboriginal economy for a daylong workshop Sunday February 8. All members of the public can register to be part of the audience for the broadcast airing Monday February 9 at 8 pm. Registration for both AgendaCamp and the broadcast at www.tvoy.org/agendacamp

Toronto, January 27, 2009 – Aboriginal people in Ontario have a long and cherished tradition of meeting as a people to share their stories and build community. In that spirit TVO's *The Agenda with Steve Paikin* will be in Thunder Bay February 8 and 9 for its fourth of five stops on its "On the Road" tour exploring the changing nature of Ontario's regional economies. The Thunder Bay stop will focus on Ontario's Aboriginal economy and TVO is asking Aboriginal leaders, policy makers and members of the public to play a key role in the two-day interactive event.

TVO's visit to Thunder Bay will feature the AgendaCamp, a daylong workshop on Sunday February 8 at the Fort William First Nation Community Centre, and a live broadcast of *The Agenda with Steve Paikin: On the Road* the following day, Monday February 9, at 8 pm in the Shuniah Building of Confederation College.

The AgendaCamp, taking place the day before the broadcast, will be a key part of the visit to Thunder Bay. The innovative TVO-hosted community forum will bring together community leaders, policymakers, members of the public, program guests, anchor and senior editor Steve Paikin and invited bloggers to problem-solve around the major economic issues, challenges and opportunities for the region. A wider online audience will be able to follow and contribute to the AgendaCamp at www.tvoy.org/agendacamp. The best content will be used on the broadcast of *The Agenda with Steve Paikin: On the Road* the following day.

"I had the pleasure of meeting some members of the Aboriginal community at the Sault Ste. Marie AgendaCamp for our look at the resource economy," says Steve Paikin. "People like Chief Isadore Day brought remarkable insight and perspective that to the discussion and I'm looking forward to carrying that level of engagement into Thunder Bay."

To participate in the AgendaCamp on February 8, or for free tickets to be part of the audience for *The Agenda with Steve Paikin: On the Road* on February 9, go to www.tvoy.org/agendacamp to register.

The final stop for The Agenda with Steve Paikin: On the Road will be in Waterloo, March 29-30, 2009 looking at the innovation economy. Previous stops included Windsor in October focusing on Ontario's manufacturing economy, Sault Ste. Marie in November on the province's resource sector, and Kingston in January on the agriculture economy.

About TVO:

TVO is Ontario's public educational media organization and a trusted source of interactive educational content that informs, inspires and stimulates curiosity and thought. TVO's vision is to empower people to be engaged citizens of Ontario through educational media.

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