



2007 Goals Looking Forward

Commercialization

- Pursue the development of a physical centre with SSMIC and ULERN for co-location and coordination among the region's science and commercialization community
- Facilitate the assessment of intellectual property and organize a workshop to improve local organizations' investment readiness and encourage economic growth through research, innovation and commercialization

Capacity Building

- Develop an implementation and operating plan for the Invasive Alien Species Management Centre
- Construct a science infrastructure database to identify science-based strengths and resource skills in the region, i.e. knowledge, equipment, facilities, etc.
- Develop an online database of funding programs of potential interest to clients

Bio-based Opportunities

- Pursue the potential to establish a Centre of Excellence in Forestry Innovation for industry focused research
- Provide bioproduct sector lead for IION and continue to act on IION Board of Directors as interim Chair
- Pursue the possibility of establishing a Northern Ontario Natural Product Science & Technology Research Park, in conjunction with Western University Research Park
- Continue to support renewable energy efforts in the region through groups including the Rural Energy Alternative Development committee, the Destiny SSM Energy Strategy Committee and Bio Energy Focus Ontario

