



KENORA DISTRICT MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

SUBJECT: Sioux Lookout Council Supports Resource Revenue Sharing Resolution -The Municipality of Red Lake

SUBMITTED BY: The Municipality of Sioux Lookout

YEAR: 2025

BACKGROUND:

The Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Sioux Lookout passed the following at its July 17, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS the Municipality of Red Lake is a community that is home to various resource-based community partners which includes mining and forestry; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Red Lake, as a resource-based community, faces many challenges resulting from having such resource-based industries located and operating within and in close proximity to the Municipality such as localized heavy truck traffic which increases demands on local road infrastructure, traffic congestion and delays, and general safety concerns for pedestrians and other forms of active transportation users; and

WHEREAS the demands caused by these resource-based industries have created additional costs on the Municipality of Red Lake to maintain the local infrastructure required to service these industries adequately; and

WHEREAS the current assessment-based taxation system does not provide significant funding to the Municipality to meet these demands and needs; and



WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has adopted a critical minerals strategy to position Ontario as a global leader of responsibly source critical minerals which aims to see more resource extraction and processing in the North; and

WHEREAS the future housing demand on the Municipality of Red Lake as mining is further developed in Northern Ontario will expand the current infrastructure funding gap locally as new housing and development-related infrastructure is required to support and facilitate future mining operations; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Red Lake only owns 2.13% (1.206 ha) of vacant land and mining claims account for 16.75% (9.465 ha) resulting in increased costs to create serviceable land; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Red Lake acknowledges that it is a recipient of the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) Fund but maintains that the amount received is inadequate to support the demands on local infrastructure caused by the resources-based industries in the area nor is it proportionate to the revenues being generated for the Province by said industries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Sioux Lookout supports the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake's petition to the Province on Ontario to create a Provincial funding model, in addition to the NORDS Fund which is set to expire in 2026-2027, to provide revenues to all resource-based communities in Northern Ontario that are proportionate to the revenues leaving our region/municipality in an effort to offset the additional burdens placed on resource-based communities to provide municipal services to these industries.



NOW THEREFORE MAY IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Kenora District Municipal Association

COMMITTEE ACTION

CONVENTION ACTION

Concurrence_____

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Concurrence as Amended_____

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Non-Concurrence_____

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