



KENORA DISTRICT MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

SUBJECT: Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot

SUBMITTED BY: City of Kenora

YEAR: 2022

BACKGROUND:

Announced in January 2019 to support the attraction and retention of skilled immigrants to rural and northern communities as a three year pilot program. The City of Kenora supported an application by LOWBIC to the program – municipalities were not eligible applicants; Kenora was not selected as a host community – successful municipalities in Northern Ontario were Thunder Bay, SSM, Sudbury, North Bay, Timmins; The City of Kenora would be interested in participating in future pilots should the program be extended or re-opened to new host communities to assist in addressing current gaps in the labour force.

RECOMMENDATION:

Whereas the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot launched in January 2019 to assist in attracting and retaining skilled immigrants in Canada’s rural and northern communities; and

Whereas the City of Kenora had supported an application to the program in 2019 but was not successful in becoming a host community; and

Whereas the City of Kenora and other rural and northern communities continue to face gaps in the labour force;

Now Therefore Be it Resolved That The Kenora District Municipal Association requests the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot to be re-launched to accept new host communities.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Concurrence _____

Concurrence as Amended _____

Non-Concurrence _____

CONVENTION ACTION

Concurrence _____

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Non-Concurrence _____