



KENORA DISTRICT MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

SUBJECT: Housing Development Support

SUBMITTED BY: City of Kenora

YEAR: 2022

BACKGROUND:

The City of Kenora has demonstrated housing needs across the continuum; Current NOHFC programs do not consider support for residential projects to be an eligible activity;

The existing Province of Ontario Site Readiness and Investment Ready: Certified Site Programs support industrial lands only – could there be opportunity for new, similar programs to support investment readiness related to residential development.

RECOMMENDATION:

Whereas the City of Kenora and other Northwestern Ontario municipalities are currently experiencing a shortage across the housing continuum which is impacting community economic growth; and

Whereas the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) has a mandate to promote and stimulate economic development initiatives in Northern Ontario by providing financial assistance to projects that stabilize, diversify, and foster economic growth in the region; and

Whereas current NOHFC guidelines do not support residential projects as eligible activities or core infrastructure that may enable such projects;

NOW THEREFORE MAY IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Kenora District Municipal Association requests that NOHFC review and revise its eligibility criteria to consider support for economic development projects related to housing development.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Concurrence _____

Concurrence as Amended _____

Non-Concurrence _____

CONVENTION ACTION

Concurrence _____

Concurrence as Amended _____

Non-Concurrence _____