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Mayor Eisenberger and Clerk Pilon,

Forest fire conditions in the northwest of the Province of Ontario have increased in severity over the past 24 hours. Over 20 First Nations are at risk for smoke and ash from fires impacting the community. The Province of Ontario has committed all available capacity to accommodate evacuees and that capacity is insufficient to meet the immediate need.

We would like to formally request the support of the City of Hamilton to serve as a host community for evacuees whose health and safety has been threatened as a result of the forest fires.

Costs associated with serving as a host community will be covered by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). We will be happy to work with you and ISC to address any questions concerning financial reimbursement.

We would be happy to answer any questions you or your staff have about serving as a host. Please send any questions or your response concerning this request to the Provincial Emergency Management Operations Centre Commander at: PEOC.Commander@ontario.ca<mailto:PEOC.Commander@ontario.ca> or via 1-866-314-0472.

We are facing an urgent situation and any support will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

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