

The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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August 14, 2024

NOMA P.O. Box 10308 Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6T8

To Whom It May Concern:

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on August 6, 2024 the following resolution was passed.

RE: NOMA Resolution - Support for OINP (Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program)

Resolution: 239-2024

Moved by: Councillor Adduono Seconded by: Councillor Dube

WHEREAS employers across Northern Ontario are experiencing a critical shortage of skilled workers, contributing to a shrinking labour market.

WHEREAS, the labour shortage is causing significant economic hardship for Northern Ontario communities, including reduced productivity and business closures; and

WHEREAS population and migration trends to 2021 suggest that Northern Ontario needs 100,000 newcomers by 2041 to sustain current population; and

WHEREAS the success of the federal Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) demonstrates the effectiveness of allocating nomination spots to address regional labour shortages in attracting newcomers to Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program has been expanded from 9,750 nominees in 2022 to a goal of 21,500 nominees in 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the COUNCIL of the Township of Terrace Bay

1. Urges the Government of Ontario to address the critical labour market shortage in Northern Ontario by allocating 3,000 Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program spots to support the region's economic growth and development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Copies of this resolution be forwarded to: the Ontario Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training & Skills Development; local Members of Provincial Parliament; the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association/Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and the Aguasabon and Thunder Bay Chambers of Commerce



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Sincerely,

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