



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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February 2, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
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Dear Premier Doug Ford,

Please be advised that Council of The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay at the Regular Council Meeting on February 1, 2021 resolved as follows:

That the resolution received from the Rainy River District Municipal Association
Re: Tax Rate for Railway Rights-of-Way – Per Tonne-Mile Contract, be supported.

Resolution: 27-2021

Moved By: Councillor Moore
Seconded By: Councillor Malashewski

WHEREAS in 2018 the Province of Ontario adjusted the tax rate for acreage for railway rights of way throughout Ontario which specifically impacted Rainy River, Kenora and Thunder Bay Districts in a positive fashion; and

WHEREAS in other provinces and Jurisdictions the railway companies remit a more equitable share of taxes to their local tax base by using a per tonne-mile concept; and

WHEREAS rail traffic continues to increase and the train length has more than doubled which results in rail traffic congestion, increased wait times, noise pollution, unknown environmental concerns, and causing small municipalities to keep open and maintain road allowances which only benefit the railroads, as well as crossing maintenance payments and inflationary costs; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario should review fees based on inflation and current conditions on an annual basis to ensure that Ontario does not continue to fall further behind in their approach to railway property taxation; and

WHEREAS fair and equitable taxation revenue on railway property based on the per tonne-mile will reduce the financial pressure especially during the COVID-19 pandemic and its recovery on the Province and provide financial support to municipalities taxation going forward;

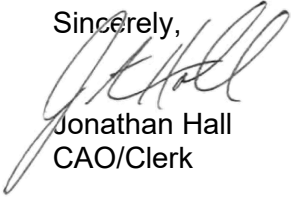
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Terrace Bay supports the Rainy River District Municipal Association in its call to the Minister of Finance of the Province of Ontario to undertake ongoing consideration of municipal taxation for railroad rights of way properties based on a per tonne-mile concept; and

CARRIED

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Terrace Bay send this resolution of support to every Municipal Council within the Province of Ontario seeking their support, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance of Ontario, Local MPP's, Local MP's, NOMA, ROMA, and AMO."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hall', is written over the printed name and title.

Jonathan Hall
CAO/Clerk

CC: Minister of Finance of Ontario

Local MPP
Local MP
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