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**Via email – [info@nextbridge.ca](mailto:info@nextbridge.ca)**

**Attention: Mr. Michael Power, P. Eng, Project Director**

**August 25, 2014**

**Dear Mr. Power:**

**Re: East-West Tie Line**

I am sure that you know that the Municipality of Wawa has been aware of the above noted project even prior to the hearings held by the Ontario Energy Board in Thunder Bay in May 2013.

We have experienced and continue to experience a level of frustration with respect to this project, sometimes communicated and sometimes not. To that end, the purpose of our letter is to garner a better understanding of the project and to put in place a process for ongoing consultation.

In particular, it may be useful for us to describe some of our general frustrations in an attempt to set the stage for discussions moving forward:

1. A scan of various newspaper ads and correspondence shows several contacts for your project. A review of our files does not show any one letter than might correctly identify contacts for various types of information.
2. We note arrangements were made to meet with the Economic Development Corporation of Wawa on May 6, 2014. A search of our files shows no similar request to meet with the Municipality of Wawa, its Council and affected staff. We do note that two members of Council did attend the meeting with the Economic Development Corporation but as members of that Board.
3. Open houses were advertised and held the week of August 18, 2014 with an open house held in Wawa on Saturday, August 23, 2014.



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Unfortunately, these dates coincided with the the Annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference held this year in London, Ontario. The Open House held in Wawa was sparsely attended perhaps because it may have not be convenient to have an open house on a Saturday as many residents could be involved in summer activities due to the short summer season.

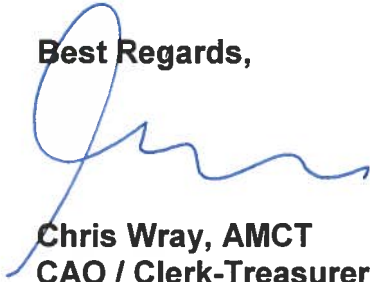
4. In May 2013, the Municipality of Wawa speaking on behalf of the Algoma Coalition made a lengthy presentation in Thunder Bay in front of the Ontario Energy Board. The presentation laid out concerns with respect to the short and long term socio-economic benefits of the project, environmental considerations and the fact that the project had not properly taken into consideration the principles of the legislated Grow North Plan for Northern Ontario.

Mayor Linda Nowicki did have an opportunity to attend a portion of the Wawa Open House and asked about your plans to meet with the Council and staff of the Municipality of Wawa. The response from your representative was that this had already been accomplished through a meeting last year with the Northeastern Superior Mayor's Group where all communities attended. You should be aware that the Northeastern Superior Mayors Group is a collection of Mayors and does not officially represent the member communities. In any event, one-on-one meetings with individual Municipal Councils would be more appropriate due to the varying issues that may arise.

It is our opinion that perhaps the best way to move this forward is to arrange for a meeting between Nextbridge Infrastructure, its various consultants and the Council and Staff of the Municipality of Wawa. We would be prepared to make space available at either our location at 40 Broadway (Municipal Offices) or our technology centre at 3 Maple Street, both in Wawa.

If you have any further questions please call, otherwise we look forward to a response at your earliest convenience.

**Best Regards,**



**Chris Wray, AMCT  
CAO / Clerk-Treasurer**

Cc: Mayor and Council  
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