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Via Email – info@nextbridge

November 15, 2017

Dear Sir / Madam:

**Re: Leave to Construct – EB-2017-01 & EB-2017-0194**

We have received your letter dated October 18, 2017 regarding the above noted matters.

While we appreciate the receipt of this letter, we refer to previous correspondence from our Municipality that states among other things; the volume of material, short timeline and lack of staff capacity & expertise prevents us from participating to any meaningful level. In effect, we have been disenfranchised from our ability to partake in the process.

We had given some thought to participating as an intervenor, but unfortunately, recent decisions by the Ontario Energy Board on the awarding of costs have now prevented us from participating in this fashion.

While we continue to see in some ways, the ability of this project to benefit communities in Northern Ontario, it is also our opinion that the "spirit and intent" of many of the guiding principles in the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario are not supported by the actions associated with the proposed project.

Recently, we received an invitation to a session hosted by Supercom Industries that appears to promote training and employment for communities (assumably) along the East-West Corridor. It is worth noting that the session is occurring at the western section of the corridor (Nipigon) and as of the writing of this letter so such session is planned for the eastern section of the corridor – the drive from Wawa to Nipigon is five (5) hours.

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While it has been some time since we have heard from representatives of NextBridge, we do look forward to future discussions where we can more fully understand the dynamics of this project.

If you have any questions, please call.

**Best Regards,**



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

**Cc: Mayor and Council (email)  
EDC of Wawa (email)  
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