

The Corporation of the Township of White River

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Jennifer Tidmarsh Project Director NextBridge Infrastructure 390 Bay Street, Suite 1720 Toronto, ON M5H 2Y2

Dear Ms. Tidmarsh:

RE: NextBridge Infrastructure - Construction of the East-West Tie Project

On behalf of the Township of White River's Mayor, Council and Residents, I would like to express our support for NextBridge Infrastructure in the construction of the East-West Tie Line through Northern Ontario.

NextBridge Infrastructure has worked over the past couple of years to develop a plan that considers the values and economic impacts to our community. They have kept our residents up to date on their progress through engagement with the community at open houses, copies of reports available in key locations, and flyers in the mail.

Laying new lines near White River were important to stakeholders in White River. It was felt that enhanced power availability would be important for future growth for the community. Lay down areas in and around White River would provide spin off economic benefits as well as employment opportunities. Avoiding disturbances within Pukaskwa National Park was also a priority for our residents and First Nation neighbours.

When the community requested that the lines come to the community, therefore by-passing Pukaskwa National Park, Next Bridge Infrastructure listened and developed an alternative route taking our community's needs into consideration.

The Township of White River believes that the plan as laid out by NextBridge Infrastructure is the preferred proposal as it takes into consideration the needs and wishes of White River, our neighbouring First Nation and our natural heritage.

Sincerely

Angelo Bazzoni

Mayor

**Township of White River** 

C.C Johanna Desmoulin, Chief Pic Mobert First Nation