

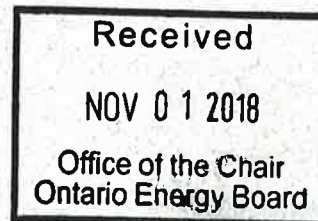


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October 17, 2018

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Dear Rosemarie Leclair and the Ontario Energy Board:

Re: Letter of Support – East- West Tie Project

The Municipality of Terrace Bay is joining the voices of our municipal and First Nation neighbours along the north shore of Northwestern Ontario to state our support for the proposal to construct the East-West Tie project.

Like other communities in Northwestern Ontario, we are most concerned about the social and economic impacts of further project delays. The anticipated jobs and sub-contracts connected to this project are enormous for Northwestern Ontario. With the project status now unknown and the planned fall 2018 start date postponed, regional families and businesses are already feeling the costs.


With support from industry, Government and academic partners, over 200 people have been trained in various skills to work on this project commencing fall 2018. These individuals, families and businesses now face uncertainty when it comes to their employment and financial security for 2018-2019. This uncertainty ripples through our small communities with substantial impacts.

Over the past 20 years, Northwestern Ontario has faced numerous and well documented socio-economic set backs as a result of losses in our forestry industry, delays to regional mining developments and other non-start projects. Northern communities have demonstrated resiliency in the face of these economic downturns but we believe this current delay to be entirely unnecessary.

The Municipality of Terrace Bay endorses the project to proceed forthwith. We hope that the outcome will be something to celebrate for Northwestern Ontario. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF TERRACE BAY


George (Jody) Davis
Mayor

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cc:

Premier Doug Ford and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs
Lieutenant Governor in Council, Elizabeth Dowdeswell
Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development & Mines, and Minister of
Indigenous Affairs
Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Finance and Chair of Cabinet
Hon. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities
Hon. Monte McNaughton, Minister of Infrastructure
Hon. Laurie Scott, Minister of Labour
Hon. Jim Wilson, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
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