

**THE CORPORATION OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF SIOUX NARROWS - NESTOR FALLS**

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at the Sioux Narrows Council Chambers. A quorum of Council was present, and this was a duly authorized meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls.

Resolution No. 73-25

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the Mayor now calls this meeting to order to deal with matters pertaining to general.

Carried

Resolution No. 74-25

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Holly Chant

That Maureen Hanson be appointed Acting Clerk for the August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Council meeting.

Carried

Resolution No. 75-25

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Council meeting.

Carried

**Disclosure of Interest** – Doug Brothwell disclosed his conflict as Treasurer of the Sioux Narrows Men's Club in the discussion/request later in the agenda and will refrain from any Council vote in the matter.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Resolution No. 76-25

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Holly Chant

That the minutes of the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, regular meeting and Zoning (J.Rice) public meeting be adopted as read and published.

Carried

**Correspondence**-none

**Disbursements**

Resolution No. 77-25

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the following Disbursements, having been checked and found that all accounts are in order, passes same for payment:

-June \$622,892.63; and,

-July \$1,064,681.31.

Carried

**By-Laws** - none

**Staff Reports**

H.Gropp – Community Development Officer- report attached H.Gropp introduced Brooke Hatfield. She is a summer employee who is compiling visitor and other data. H. Gropp has been contacted by the 50+ Centre with a request to place (at no cost to Council) a bike rack adjacent to the NOSFC. They have a small or large size to choose from. Council discussion ensued, and a decision to allow the larger sized one to be placed there. H. Gropp also reported that on July 17, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Kenora District Services Board approved the award of a construction contract to Sierra Construction in the amount of \$493,848 for the Sioux Narrows Early Learning Centre leasehold improvement project. The planned renovations at the Sioux Narrows Public School are being funded by KDSB to create a new 15 space licenced childcare centre. The centre will be operated directly by KDSB, utilizing a "family age grouping" which allow infants under 18 months and children up to the age of six to be enrolled. Additionally, KDSB will be creating a new 13-space kindergarten program to provide before and after-school care options. The project marks the first time the community of SNNF will have access to licenced childcare and was made possible by a partnership between KDSB, the Township of SNNF, and the KPDSB. Renovations are expected to commence in mid-August 2025 and be completed by April 2026. The proposed dates for groundbreaking are Monday, August 25 or Tuesday, August 26.

**Reports from Committees**

H. Chant – Fire Rescue Service – In-house training has been successful, and we will be having more out-of-town training in the next few weeks. The recruits are learning quickly with all the physical skills from the NFPA 1001 FF1 skills sheets book. The Mobile Live Fire Training Unit (MLFTU) is currently in the Kenora District, and some members are interested when it arrives in Kenora between August 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Where they will enhance their live fire training, SCBA, radio communications, and overall mutual aid coordination skills. FireCon in September 9-14<sup>th</sup> at Thunder Bay Valhalla Inn. 2 members, Kevin Kast who is taking Instructor level 1 for 4 days, and M. Kakeeway who is taking the Warren Brinkman Leadership track. Tonight, we are going to go through the new updated features on our Whos Responding APP, after 10 years of the same data, it has new and improved features. After that we are going out on the Fire Boats to gain more repetitive training in responding with the boats, recruits will have the necessary awareness of the mustang suits, running the onboard pump, and navigating the waters, along with communicating with boat traffic. Fire Calls: 16 total calls to date; MVC's – 7, Fires – 6, False alarms/complaints – 3. Nestor Falls Recreation Committee- in planning stages for Wings and Wheels, September long weekend, air show one day, car show the next, live band on Saturday, food trucks, bar, sightseeing trips on the air show day. Reported that fireworks were held on Canada Day.

D.Brothwell – May 20/25 Police Services Board meeting. Board met with Detachment commander Jim Neild. Reported on the # incidents Jan-April 2025. Overall very low (9 vehicle collisions, 0 fatalities, 23 eTicket traffic warnings, 46 charges laid-26 traffic, 5 non-traffic criminal code, 4 violent crime-2 firearms offences, 1 property crime, 0 drug crime. Police presence data – cruiser in area 224 hrs, on foot 6.5 hrs, at school-1 visit, Total 232 hrs/120 days = 1.93 hrs/day. Commander spoke on fire preparedness as biggest threat. Threat level due to single road in & out, highly suggests we revisit our preparedness-batteries charged in cell towers, emergency board should meet & discuss evacuation preparedness, check box system to account for residents, residents should have 15 minutes bug out bag ready.

**Reports from Committees** (cont.)

Discussions started on new directions/focus for policing in SNNF- increased presence with youth, crack down on speeding. Commander suggests we put a couple cameras in each community (in/out), not live monitored, but reviewed as part of crime investigation (rule in & out), can be grant funded. Discussion about crating a single consistent strategy for traffic safety- ie community safety zones in both communities, speed signs in both communities. Recommendation for SNNF to belong to OAPSB (Ontario Association of Police Services Boards). Zone dues \$125/yr plus \$.20 per property in zone. Attended PAC Committee meeting July 24<sup>th</sup> – approval was given for an application to subdivide. G.Black – Attended opening of NF Bike Trail on June 20<sup>th</sup>, along with Councillor Chant. Thank you to Heather, Tim and Brooke for organizing. Thank you to SN Rec Committee for sponsoring the soccer/basketball sport camp July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Special thank you to Kelly Sundmark. Attended Truth & Reconciliation Planning meeting July 8<sup>th</sup>. Would like to express thanks to NWA#37 for the use of their beach for the swimming lessons in Sioux Narrows this summer. Attended meeting with Mayor Poirier & Eric Melillo regarding the border fishing issues along with Heather on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Attended PFECAC (Patient Family Elder Caregiver Advisory Council) event on July 21<sup>st</sup>. The Council has now amalgamated with the Councils from Canadian Mental Health Association Kenora, Firefly and Kenora Chiefs Advisory Ogimaawabiitong Lake of the Woods District Hospital. Their goal is to empower and embed the voices of patients, families, elders, caregivers, and the community into the system planning and co-design of the ANHP OHT to ensure access and equity to healthcare for all people. The ANHP aims to provide the right service, at the right time, in the right setting for everyone in the Kenora region. Will be attending the Bridge Park Interpretation meeting August 6<sup>th</sup>, the Truth & Reconciliation Event Planning meeting August 12<sup>th</sup>, the Police Services Board meeting August 19<sup>th</sup>, the PFECAC and ANHP meetings August 20<sup>th</sup>, The Trail even in Onigaming August 25<sup>th</sup>. Sioux Narrows Recreation Committee – SN Men's Club Fish Fry Bar proceeds - \$581.23, Spring BBQ proceeds \$3,133.78. Thank you to Joan Mathieu, Kim Mathieu & Judy Johnstone and to the SNNF Fire Rescue Service for their work to ensure the Canada Day fireworks are held every year. Thank you to the following volunteers for their assistance with the Kids Learn to Fish Program – Jim Gustafson, Jeff Johanson, Mark Johanson, Mitch Wolfe, Val Wadman, Clint Butler, Darcy Finlan, Les & Steph Spitzak, Kathy Stardom, Jim & Sarah Minerich.

**Old Business** - none

**New Business**

Resolution No. 78-25

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That Council hereby approve the Community Improvement Plan application of Helliars Resort in the amount of \$3,000.00 for signage.

Carried.

Resolution No. 79-25

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That Council authorize signature of the contract with Windsnorth Construction Ltd. for the completion of the 50+ Centre's Addition (Windsnorth was selected by Council June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025).

Carried.

**New Business** (cont.)

Resolution No. 80-25

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Holly Chant

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls hereby supports an application to the FedNor Youth Internship program in the amount of \$57,000 for the Community

Programming Internship application; and,

That the Municipal Contribution to this project is \$25,000 and Council recognizes that it will be responsible for any cost overruns associated with this project.

Carried.

Resolution No. 81-25

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls hereby supports an application to the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility's 2025-26 Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone (EASE) Grant in the amount of \$60,000 to provide accessible access to the beach/water area at Bass Lake Park, and to ensure that the upgraded playground space meets accessibility standards and includes accessible options for inclusive play.

Carried.

Resolution No. 82-25

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Holly Chant

That Council hereby accept the quotation of Garrett Hagberg for speakers/microphones to be installed at the Sioux Narrows and Nestor Falls Municipal Offices' meeting spaces in the amount of \$5,325.89, exclusive of tax.

Carried.

Resolution No. 83-25

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the following be appointed as Fire Fighters to the Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls Fire Department: Ben Rinas, Dwayne Froese

Carried.

**Delegations**

Mark Handzel – representing Sioux Narrows Men's Breakfast Club. Gave an overview of their goal – to raise funds for community improvement/enhancement. Usually smaller projects, but their membership expressed interest in a "larger" project and decided on the installation of a large "fish" in the community to attract artistic cultural discussion and tourism enhancement. They looked at where such a structure could be located on municipal property – 4 sites were isolated, and the consensus was the large hill by the NOSFC would be preferred – location, parking etc. Would like Council approval for the Township to set up a "donation fund", and also approval for the Men's Club to utilize municipal staff for site preparation etc. (not looking for more help than what municipal staff are able to provide), could encompass other funding and permitting requirements. After discussion it was decided to clarify some of the questions and to table a decision until the September Council meeting in Nestor Falls.

**Delegations** (cont.)

Neil Long – requested Council approval for municipal staff to do work (clearing mostly and putting up a fence) on MTO property at the entrance to Pine Ridge Cemetery. The Township has applied for an entrance Permit, but can't make a decision until it is received.

Jonathan Trenchard & Diane Anderson – Asked the status of the decision on Pioneer Park. H Gropp and J Port noted they are following Provincial environmental policies as related to the fledgling eagle and awaiting MRNF clarification on the patent question.

**Adjournment**

Resolution No. 84-25

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the business of the meeting having been dealt with, a motion for adjournment is so made.

Carried

Members Present

G. Black

S. Salvador

D. Brothwell

H.Chant

---

Mayor

Clerk

# ***Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls***

P.O. BOX 417  
SIOUX NARROWS, ONTARIO  
P0X 1N0

Phone (807) 226 - 5241  
FAX (807) 226 - 5712  
[www.livethelakelife.ca](http://www.livethelakelife.ca)

## **Report to Council**

<b>Council Meeting Date:</b>	August 5, 2025
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Heather Gropp- Community Development Officer

### **Capital Project Update:**

At the end of June, 4 capital projects reached substantial completion and the funding files are in the process of being wrapped up: The Library relocation, The Nestor Falls Bike Trails, The Highway Corridor Beautification and the Bridge Park re-development. There are a few outstanding items that will be coming in the next few weeks to completely finish everything. I have attached the Capital Projects and Grants spreadsheet with this report for Councils review.

Later on the agenda, there are 2 resolutions related to funding applications. The first is a resolution for a Community Programming Intern. This was discussed at the June meeting and a resolution was passed. However, when finalizing the application the amounts changed as we were able to make this an eighteen month long internship. The second resolution is for an application to the EASE program with the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility. This grant will provide \$60,000 (100% contribution) which is stackable with the NOHFC Bass Lake Project. The \$60,000 will be specifically allocated for a MOBY mat to ensure accessible Beach and Lake access at Bass Lake Park, and additional accessible play ground equipment and features including rubber matting.

### **SN Childcare update:**

That on July 17, the Board of Directors approved the award of a construction contract to Sierra Construction in the amount of \$493,848 for the Sioux Narrows Early Learning Centre leasehold improvement project. The planned renovations at the Sioux Narrows Public School are being funded by KDSB to create a new 15 space licenced child care centre. The centre will be



***Live the Lake Life***

# ***Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls***

**P.O. BOX 417  
SIOUX NARROWS, ONTARIO  
P0X 1N0**

**Phone (807) 226 - 5241  
FAX (807) 226 - 5712  
[www.livethelakelife.ca](http://www.livethelakelife.ca)**

operated directly by KDSB, utilizing a "family age grouping" which allow infants under 18 months and children up to the age of six to be enrolled. Additionally, KDSB will be creating a new 13-space kindergarten program to provide before and after-school care options. The project marks the first time the community of SNNF will have access to licenced child care and was made possible by a partnership between KDSB, the Township of SNNF, and the KPDSB. Renovations are expected to commence in mid-August 2025 and be completed by April 2026.

## **Trail Programming:**

We are having a lot of success with programming on the trails. There seems to be a high level of engagement from the general public. We are putting the final pieces into place for the trail passports and are working on some upcoming programming to promote reconciliation and inclusivity on our trail network.

## **Cross-Border Fishing Update:**

This issue was raised at Council by Randy Hanson a number of months ago. Since that time a regional coalition has been formed and we have been working with regional partners on this project. I have attached a letter from the coalition that was sent to a number of key Provincial and Federal Ministers.



***Live the Lake Life***

Project Name	Program Name	Funder	Project Number	Project total	Funding Amount	Project Status/Additional Notes
Totem Road Broadband	ICON	MOI	2020-08-1-1454219484	36,225	36,225	Complete
4 season multi-use recreation phase 1	ICIP-Community Culture and Recreation	MOI	2019-10-1-1419717539	1,003,000.00		Final Claim Received
Trail Development Coordinator	NOHFC- Skills and Talent	MND	740929	62,192	35000	Complete
Nestor Falls Community Centre	NOHFC- Community Development	MND	7500029	200,000	180,000	Completed June 2024
Bike Trails Phase 1	NOHFC Community Development	MND	750037	200,000	180,000	Working on Final Report
NF Government Docks Project	NOHFC Community Development	MND	75000123	200,000	180,000	Completed August 2024
Bridge Parks Upgrades and interpretation	NOHFC Community Development	MND	7500138	200,000	180,000	Approved- Tendered. Wrap up expected by June 30 2025
Sport Fishing Centre Exterior	Strategic Economic Infranstructure	MND	8100573	645,000	316,050	Complete- Final NOHFC Claim in progress
Phase II SN Government Dock	NOHFC Community Development	NOHFC	7510175	500,000	375,000	Complete- October 2024
4 season multi-use recreation phase 2	Commuity Enahancement Program	MND FedNor	7520075 514388	1,400,000 1,400,000	630,000 630,000	Complete Complete
Community Development Officer Phase 1	CIINO	FedNor	809136		177,700	Complete
Community Development Officer Phase 2	CIINO	FedNor	851-514423	216,000	154,800	Completed- June 2025
Landfill remediation	NORDS	MND		488,758.35	488,758.35	5 year program-currently in year 4
NOSCF- HVAC Upgrade and Feburbishment	GICB	Federal Ministry of Infrastructure	AP000003428	219,000	175,200	Decline
Housing Development	Housing Accelerator Fund	CMHC		680,000	680,000	Decline-appeal submitted
Highways Corridor Beautification	NOHFC Community Development	MND	7500174	200,000	180,000	Approved- Tendered. Wrap up expected by June 30 2025
Bike Trails Phase II	NOHFC	MND	7520246	555,000	249,750	Approved- Construction started September 2024. Expected completion September 2025
	FedNor- new fund	FedNor		555,000	249,750	Approved- Construction started September 2024. Expected completion June 2025
Housing Development	Housing Accelerator Fund Phase II	CMHC		1,200,000	1,200,000	Declined
Community Trail Development and Programming	Grow Grant- Ontario Trillium Foundation	OTF		300,000	300,000	Approved- Working on completing this project over the next three years.
Aspen Trail Board Walk Construction	Capital Grant- Trillium Foundation	OTF		105,000	105,000	Declined
Library Expansion Project	NOHFC	MND	7500193	200,000	180,000	Approved- Project has commenced.
Sioux Narrows Seniors Centre- Expansion	NOFHC	MND		200,000.00	180,000.00	Approved- Project underway
Bass Lake Park Expansion	NOHFC	MND	75003005	500,000.00	375,000.00	Project deemed eligible. Application Submitted July 2025. Awaiting decision
	EASE	Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility		60,000.00	60,000.00	Will be submitted by August 10
Arts Feasibility Study	Fed Nor	Fed Nor		55,000.00	24,750.00	Project deemed eligible. Phase II Project will be submitted in early August, once we obtain data from 2025 Arts Festival.
	Province of Ontario- ROD Program	Ministry of Rural Affairs		55,000	24,750	Will be submitted in Early August once we obtain Arts Festival Data.
Community Events Internship	Community Programming Intern Position	Fed Nor		82,500	57,500	Application Submitted

# Coalition of Rainy Lake and Lake of The Woods Communities, Businesses and Stakeholders

July 17, 2025

The Honourable David McGuinty  
Minister of National Defense  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

[david.mcguinty@parl.gc.ca](mailto:david.mcguinty@parl.gc.ca)

**Subject: Border Waters – Unauthorized and unmonitored access into Canadian waters creates great concern for safety, sustainability of fisheries, and provides unfair advantages for US**

Dear Minister McGuinty:

We are writing to you today to share with you that concerns are mounting over the security of our Canadian border due to a lack of enforcement on our border waters in Northwestern Ontario. As you continue to work to protect the border and the interests of Canada, we urge the Canadian Government to consider the issues the tourism industry, First Nations peoples and residents of Ontario are experiencing on our border waters. Specifically in Northwestern Ontario on Rainy Lake and Lake of The Woods.

Over the last number of years there has been a steady rise in the number of US resident angling guides that bring US anglers into Canadian waters to fish then return to resorts/accommodations on the US side. US angling guides must apply for a Canadian work permit to bring US citizens into Canadian waters by boat for an angling experience. Their angling customers must only carry a valid Ontario fishing license. These non-resident anglers entering Canada by water are not required to check in at any border office or acquire any permits from the Canadian government if they do not touch land or tie up to any other boats.

Non-resident anglers who enter Canada with a US fishing guide do not make any declaration at a Canadian or US customs detachment on their way in or out of Canada. Anyone else who enters our country legally must go through some form of declaration. How do we know whether they have minor or serious criminalities on their records, how do we know what they are bringing into Canada or whether they are abiding by any Canadian laws or even know what those laws are? This gap in border security must be closed.

In fact, many of the non-resident guides and resorts along the US shoreline of the shared waters have used the lack of any oversight from border officials in their advertisements which only entices those that may not be able to enter Canada otherwise.

When groups of concerned businesses and residents have attempted to seek support from government on this issue, they were told that NAFTA or now the CUSMA makes this all possible and there is nothing anyone can do. This is NOT a reciprocal agreement.

There are onerous roadblocks for a Canadian citizen to obtain a work permit to do the same thing on the US side of the border waters. (Although, why would they, the fisheries on the US side and close to the US border are no where near as well maintained as those in our Canadian waters a little further north of the border. Again, US resorts and guides are using this as a key selling tool to book guests.) Canadian angling guides who wish to guide in US waters are told by US customs that there are too many guides in the US now and therefore no Canadian will get a work permit to guide in Minnesota.

Now that recent changes in leadership in the US may cause the CUSMA to be up for discussion again, we would implore Federal government to make changes to this component of the agreement. This is NOT good for Canada or the Province of Ontario.

US owners of tourism businesses in Canada must go through the LMIA exempt work permit application process each year to enter Canada to run their seasonal businesses. Businesses that contribute to the economy, collect and pay taxes, and employ Canadians. They pay approximately \$400 for this privilege and provide a substantial amount of documentation to obtain their permits. A US angling guide pays less than \$250, pays no taxes and leaves no dollars in Canada nor do their customers, other than their fishing license fees (minimum (1 day) \$25, maximum (8 day) \$85). This seems a little unbalanced.

Great concern is building over the added pressure on our fisheries without much oversight. First Nation communities on Lake of The Woods and the Rainy River have expressed deep concern for the impacts that the loss of resources continues to have on their ability to provide food for their communities

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources District offices have been made aware of the concerns and have reported they are doing all they can to check the US guided boats to ensure they are staying within their fishing limits, but it is becoming more apparent that they do not have the capacity to keep up. We only share this with you for information. We are working with our provincial government to find solution on this piece of the issue.

The guide boats that are being used now are larger more powerful boats that enable guides to take their guests farther into Canadian waters in the least amount of time. This also enables them to book more charters and bring more people per day to catch their limits or to return a second time unchecked. This is very concerning.

There is proof the US fishing resort and independent angling guide businesses is growing substantially. One only needs to look at the hotel and resort development on the US side of Rainy Lake and Lake of The Woods to see it.

Without the need for these fishing boats to go through any formal border checkpoint there is the added concern of what Aquatic Invasive Species are being brought into these shared waterways. The Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) is reporting an increase in aquatic invasives that are being transported by boats. Without a formal border crossing checkpoint, how can we ensure that boat owners are doing the bare minimum of draining their boats of all water storage or arriving with a clean hull and motor before launching their boats? How can we protect our fisheries without more of this oversight?

We urge the Federal government to increase the security and safety of our water borders. If it focuses on the safety aspect of this issue, it will resolve most other issues that the currently unmonitored water border with the US is causing.

Recommendations:

- Modify and reinstate the Remote Area Border Crossing Permit to include those entering Canada by water who may not touch land. This would allow the Canadian government to at the very least check for admissibility into Canada.
- Prevent US angling guides and US resort operators from generating revenue from Canadian resources by eliminating the issuance of work permits for US angling guides on the border waters.

OR

- Modify regulations to require that all non-residents entering Canada by water be required to go through a physical CBSA checkpoint to allow for admissibility checks and compliance with all other federal regulations as well as monitoring for aquatic invasive species.
- Increase RCMP/CBSA presence on the border waters to ensure no illegal activities are taking place and that those entering Canada are in fact admissible.

This may seem like a small issue compared to the numerous issues developing as a result of the recent actions coming from the US, however, for the communities and businesses surrounding our border waters, and the value of our angling resources, it is important that we take the opportunity to close this gap in our security and in the agreements between our countries.

### Contacts:



Laurie Marcil  
Executive Director  
Northern Ontario Tourist Outfitters Assoc.  
[laurie@noto.net](mailto:laurie@noto.net)  
705-499-7556



Heather Gropp  
Community Development Officer  
Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls  
[hgropp@snnf.ca](mailto:hgropp@snnf.ca)

cc.

Federal:

Hon. Lena Metlege Diab, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, [lenametlege.diab@parl.gc.ca](mailto:lenametlege.diab@parl.gc.ca)  
Hon. Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Public Safety - [gary.anand@parl.gc.ca](mailto:gary.anand@parl.gc.ca)  
Sec. Rechie Valdez, Secretary of State – Small Business and Tourism - [rechie.valdez@parl.gc.ca](mailto:rechie.valdez@parl.gc.ca)  
Sec. Wayne Long, Secretary of State – Canada Revenue Agency and Financial Institutions –  
[wayne.long@parl.gc.ca](mailto:wayne.long@parl.gc.ca)  
Hon. Joanne Thompson, Minister of Fisheries - [joanne.thompson@parl.gc.ca](mailto:joanne.thompson@parl.gc.ca)

Provincial:

Hon. Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources – [minister.mnrf@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mnrf@ontario.ca)  
Hon. Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming – [stan.cho@ontario.ca](mailto:stan.cho@ontario.ca)  
Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade – [MEDJCT.Minister@ontario.ca](mailto:MEDJCT.Minister@ontario.ca)  
Hon. George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth -  
[minister.northerndevelopment@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.northerndevelopment@ontario.ca)

### About NOTO and the Tourism Sector:

NOTO is a trade organization representing the voice of the resource-based tourism sector in Ontario. Since 1929 we have been working to ensure that the resource-based tourism sector continues to be an economic driver for our province and country. In Northwestern Ontario there are over 400 fishing and hunting lodges that serve a customer base of over 85% US guests. Studies over the years continue to show that US travellers spend twice as much on vacations than domestic travellers. Their contribution to the Canadian economy is significant.

Anglers and hunters that stay at our lodges, outpost camps, and resorts in Northern Ontario contribute over \$400M to GDP annually. There are approximately 1,000 businesses in this sector in Northern Ontario. They provide 13,304 jobs, contribute \$145M in Federal taxes, \$222M in Provincial taxes and \$38M in Municipal taxes. **Resource-based tourism is an important economic driver. In order to grow our tourism receipts from this sector, we require an open border to allow our guests in, good policy that ensures the sustainability of our natural resources, as well as safe transportation infrastructure.**

Members of this Coalition are:



SIOUX NARROWS – NESTOR FALLS



Nature & Outdoor Tourism Ontario

