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His Worship Roy Avis  
Mayor  
Town of Fort Frances  
320 Portage Avenue  
Fort Frances, Ontario  
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Dear Mayor Avis:

Thank you for your letter regarding the possible restart of the pulp mill in Fort Frances. I recognize the benefits that such a deal could bring to your community.

Our government is committed to the forestry industry and to preserving and creating jobs in Northern Ontario. While the final decision on the possible purchase and restart of the Fort Frances facility ultimately rests with Resolute and Expera, we are prepared to facilitate discussions with both companies in an attempt to secure a positive outcome for the people of Fort Frances and surrounding Rainy River districts.

I note that you have sent copies of your correspondence to my colleagues the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, and the Honourable Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines. I have asked Minister Mauro to respond to you directly in greater detail.

Once again, thank you for writing. I wish to assure you that our government will continue working with forestry businesses to strengthen their competitiveness and to help create long-term prosperity in Northern Ontario communities. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Kathleen Wynne.

Kathleen Wynne  
Premier

c: The Honourable Bill Mauro  
The Honourable Michael Gravelle