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

It was a pleasure meeting with you and delegates from the Town of Fort Frances at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference on August 15, 2016, in Windsor.

As Minister of Northern Development and Mines, your input and knowledge of Northern Ontario municipal matters are important to me. Certainly, I appreciated having the opportunity to hear your thoughts and concerns regarding the appointment of a resident Crown Attorney for the Rainy River district courts, the discontinuation of the Summer Jobs Service program, and the potential sale and restart of operations at the idled Resolute Forest Products pulp and paper mill. As the matters of the Crown Attorney appointment and youth programs fall under the mandates of other ministries, I have taken the liberty of copying my colleagues, the Honourable Yasir Naqvi, Attorney General and the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development, for their information.

Our government is committed to working with municipalities, Indigenous communities, and local industries of the North to take advantage of emerging opportunities for jobs and growth while addressing the unique challenges facing the North.

I encourage you to work with Ms Leanne Mose, Northern Development Officer, in Fort Frances. Ms Mose would be pleased to assist you with information on the programs of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, as well as other applicable Ontario government programs and initiatives available. Ministry staff can also help you get in touch with other provincial ministries, as may be required. Ms Mose can be reached at 807-274-5320 or by email at leanne.mose@ontario.ca.

Once again, thank you for sharing your thoughts and concerns. It was a pleasure meeting with you at AMO. In closing, please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael".

Michael Gravelle
Minister of Northern Development and Mines

c: The Honourable Yasir Naqvi, Attorney General
The Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development