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RE: Fort Frances – International Bridge

On behalf of the Town of Fort Frances, the Economic Development Executive Committee has provided direction to extend an invitation to Transport Canada by way of deputation/presentation to the Town of Fort Frances Council at the meeting scheduled for November 22, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. (CDT)

Included please find a Resolution passed by Fort Frances Town Council dated 14 June 2021 regarding the **International Bridge – Ownership and Access Concerns**.

Specifically, the Town of Fort Frances is seeking clarity on the following queries:

- Possibility for federal/provincial/state or municipal ownership;
- Scope of Regulatory Powers re Licensing of the Fort Frances – International Bridge;
- Asset Management Plan;
- Toll fees/Affordable use;
- Management and Operation Transparency;
- Aesthetics/Condition Disclosure;
- Maintenance standards for the bridge according to Government regulations; and
- Economic significance of the bridge to this region

We remain cognizant of the November 22, 2021, timeline for comments. As this meeting of Council falls on the imposed date for comments; we respectfully request an extension on this date for our final comments pertaining to the proposed transaction further to the Council meeting of November 22, 2021.

We will await confirmation of attendance at which time we will forward particulars for this Microsoft Teams meeting.

Regards,



Faisal Anwar,
Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Fort Frances

cc: Hon. C. Mulroney, Minister of Transportation (Ontario) - Email: caroline.mulroney@pc.ola.org
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