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JOINT LETTER TO:

Hon. Omar Alghabra
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House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6
Via email: mintc@tc.gc.ca

Hon. Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8
Via email: minister.mto@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Alghabra and Minister Mulroney:

Re: International Bridge Update

At the recent meeting of Council held on Monday, June 28, 2021, Council received a memo (attached) from Councillor Douglas Judson, which provided an update on the concerns expressed to Canada and Ontario leaders in a previous letter. We ask that you please take the time necessary to consider all the options available in order to make the International Bridge a public asset. In the least, ensure that any approvals for its sale include terms and conditions which will protect the interest of Fort Frances and Northwestern Ontario. Further, we request that no ownership changes be approved until we have been provided the opportunity to meet with representatives from Canada and Ontario.

We look forward to receiving notification of a meeting with both Canada and Ontario to discuss your plan to protect this vital economic and community link.

Yours very truly,

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE DIVISION

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Municipal Clerk

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Municipal Councils of Municipalities in Kenora District: Dryden, Ear Falls, Ignace, Kenora, Machin, Pickle Lake, Red Lake, Sioux Lookout and Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls (various e-mails)
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Sunset Country Metis Community (metisofsunsetcountry@gmail.com)
Sunset Country Travel Association (info@visitsunsetcountry.com)
Mayor and Council – City of International Falls (various)
Mayor and Council – City of Ranier (cityofrainier@frontiernet.net)