

WHEREAS in 2018 the Province of Ontario adjusted the tax rate for acreage for railway right-a-ways throughout Ontario which specifically impacted Rainy River, Kenora and Thunder Bay districts in a positive fashion; and

WHEREAS in other provinces and jurisdictions the railway companies remit a more equitable share of taxes to their local tax base by using a per tonne-mile concept; and

WHEREAS rail traffic continues to increase and the train length has more than doubled, which results in rail traffic congestion, increased wait times, noise pollution and unknown environmental concerns; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario should review fees based on inflation and current conditions on an annual basis to ensure that Ontario does not continue to fall further behind in their approach to railway property taxation; and

WHEREAS fair and equitable taxation revenue on railway property will reduce the financial pressure on the Province to provide financial support to municipalities going forward;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Fort Frances call upon the Minister of Finance for the Province of Ontario to undertake ongoing consideration of municipal taxation for railroad right-of-way properties based on a per tonne-mile concept; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to every Municipal Council within the Province of Ontario seeking their support, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance of Ontario, Local MPPs, Local MPs, RRDMA, NOMA, ROMA and AMO.

WHEREAS citizens of the Rainy River District are required to travel to Thunder Bay or Winnipeg to gain access to medical specialists; and

WHEREAS there are presently no private or public transportation providers who offer these services on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS Ontario Northland Transportation Corporation offers publicly funded daily transportation service as far North as Hearst, Ontario; and

WHEREAS in the Rainy River District there is currently only one private company offering travel to Thunder Bay three days per workweek (Monday, Wednesday & Friday) with no service to Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS citizens of the Rainy River District should be entitled to the same level of publicly funded daily transportation services being offered in other districts in the northern region of the Province; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Fort Frances call upon the Minister of Transportation to consider the present transportation services being offered to all residents in the Rainy River District which includes the Town of Fort Frances; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation of Ontario, Local MPPs, Local MPs, RRDMA, NOMA, ROMA and AMO.

WHEREAS communities across the Rainy River District and Northwestern Ontario are struggling to recruit and retain Physicians, including Family Physicians who provide a wide scope of practice; and

WHEREAS newly recruited Family Physicians are finding the workload excessive and are challenged to find a healthy work/life balance; and

WHEREAS the continuous departure of Physicians results in excessive call and coverage pressure placed onto the remaining Physicians resulting in an unreasonable workload; and

WHEREAS our busy Emergency Department and Operating Room is supported by our existing complement of skilled local Physicians with additional relief provided by locums; and

WHEREAS the locum support is sporadic and simply not enough to maintain the surgical services or provide relief to our General Practitioner-Anaesthetist; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Fort Frances call upon the Minister of Health to consider the ever-expanding pressures that Physician Shortages place upon communities across the Rainy River District and Northwestern Ontario; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health of Ontario, Local MPPs, Local MPs, RRDMA, NOMA, ROMA and AMO.

WHEREAS in 2018, the Ontario government implemented a requirement for all municipalities to create a Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan by January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS the Rainy River District municipalities have determined that a district plan with individual municipal appendixes would be the most cost-effective and efficient solution; and

WHEREAS the Rainy River District has engaged the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board to lead the development of an Integrated Plan; and

WHEREAS the costs associated with RRDSSAB contracting a consultant to write the final plan will be distributed across the district municipalities using current apportionment; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Fort Frances call upon the Minister of Finance of Ontario to provide one-time funding for the creation and implementation of a Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance of Ontario, Local MPPs, Local MPs, RRDMA, NOMA, ROMA and AMO.