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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 OGRA/ROMA conference on February 23, 2015, in Toronto. Thank you as well for your letter of March 6, 2015, to myself and the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR), regarding the proposal that the Town is working on. As Minister of Northern Development and Mines, I appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns with me.

I understand that my colleague, the Honourable Minister Mauro, responded on behalf of our government on April 14. Certainly, we recognize the importance of the forest industry to the Town of Fort Frances and I want to assure you that we are aware of the impact that this has had on the Town.

I encourage you to continue to work closely with Ms Jane Gillon, Northern Development Officer in Fort Frances. Ms Gillon would be pleased to assist you with information on the programs of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and other Ontario government programs and initiatives. Ministry staff can also help you get in touch with other provincial ministries as may be required. Ms Gillon can be reached at 807-274-5320 or by email at [jane.gillon@ontario.ca](mailto:jane.gillon@ontario.ca).

Once again thank you for meeting with me at the OGRA/ROMA conference and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael'.

Michael Gravelle  
Minister of Northern Development and Mines

c: The Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry