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

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to you, members of your council, and your entire community for volunteering to support evacuees from Attawapiskat First Nation.

The flood emergencies that affected First Nations communities and municipalities in central and northern Ontario gave Ontarians the opportunity to demonstrate the strong values of community and partnership that make this province a wonderful place to live.

Staff from Emergency Management Ontario and the Ministry of Natural Resources, working closely with federal departments and municipalities like yours, have assisted hundreds of evacuees in host communities across Ontario. That relief provided a large measure of comfort in the face of homes and communities that were either threatened or damaged.

Without your support, the emergency response operations would not have been as successful. I trust that we can continue to count on you should the need arise in future.

Again, thank you very much for your help and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Madeleine Meilleur
Minister