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The Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario
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and

Honourable Minister Kathryn McGarry
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Whitney Block, 6th floor, Room 6630
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And

Northwestern Ontario Municipal
Association
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and

Thunder Bay District Municipal League
c/o Beth Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer
343 Parker Road, R.R. #1
Kakabeka Falls, ON P0T 1W0

**Re: Resolution Regarding Proposed Changes to the Process for the Approval of
Land under the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program**

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

Please be advised that, at its regular meeting held October 4, 2017, the Council for The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing passed the following resolution:

Applicants seeking to have their lands included for consideration under the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program ("CLTIP") provide information to the Province as part of the application process, including zoning and official plan information.

A recent review by the Municipality of Neebing revealed that the information provided by applicants is not reviewed with the Municipality for accuracy or further clarification. The Municipality requested information under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, relating to certain applications within Neebing, and discovered that at least one applicant had mis-interpreted official plan designations as zoning provisions in its representations to the Province.

Municipalities in which the subject lands exist are financially impacted by the Province's approvals of CLTIP applications, yet the Municipality has no voice in the approval process.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry reserves the right to inspect the subject properties as part of the approvals process. Given the number of CLTIP applications province-wide, the Municipality doubts that many (if any) inspections are actually physically undertaken. The local government would have current and accurate knowledge of any property within its jurisdiction, and would be able to recognize any issues that might be picked up if the property were actually inspected by Provincial representatives.

ACCORDINGLY, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing respectfully requests that the Province change the application process under the CLTIP to provide that applications, together with supporting studies, maps and/or other information, will be circulated for comment to the municipality in which the subject property exists;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing respectfully requests that the Province further change the application process under the CLTIP to require the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to take the Municipality's comments into consideration when processing the application;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Thunder Bay District Municipal League with a request that it be considered for support and forwarded to the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association for support;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Premier, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Ontario municipalities who have previously supported Neebing in its efforts to have the CLTIP revised in a manner that promotes fairness to the local order of government.

We look forward to receipt of your favourable reply.

Yours truly,



Rosalie A. Evans
Solicitor-Clerk
(Per Consent Agenda Resolution
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cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario
and the municipalities on the enclosed listing, each of whose Councils is as concerned
about the CLTIP program's impact on local government as is Neebing's Council