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## CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-08-31-02 PASSED AT A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 31, 2022

Resolution No. 22-08-31-02

Moved by:

Councillor Lois Perry

Seconded by:

**Councillor Susan Cote** 

Whereas the Township of Coleman has been represented by the Member of Parliament for Nipissing-Timiskaming since 2003; and

Whereas the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario has proposed the elimination of one Riding in Northern Ontario and a redistribution of the remaining Electoral Ridings; and

Whereas the Township of Coleman and other municipalities in the South Temiskaming area would be part of a newly created Electoral Riding known as Cochrane-Timmins-Timiskaming; and

Whereas the population of the existing Riding of Nipissing-Timiskaming meets the population requirements to maintain the Federal Riding; and

Whereas the communities that comprise the current Electoral Riding of Nipissing-Timiskaming form a geopolitical entity that would be fragmented by the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario's proposal; and

Whereas this fragmentation would diminish and reduce access to Federal representation for the residents of the Township of Coleman; and

Whereas there is potential for the Province of Ontario to adopt the Federal electoral boundaries to establish Provincial electoral boundaries, which would repeat the negative effects on Provincial representation for the people and communities in Northern Ontario; and

Whereas the ability to effectively represent diverse, small, rural communities continues to be eroded with the loss of Electoral Ridings in Northern Ontario.

**Now therefore** be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Coleman hereby petitions the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission to withdraw the proposal to eliminate a Federal Riding in Northern Ontario; and

**Further** that the Township of Coleman petitions the Federal Government to introduce legislation that would provide for a minimum number of guaranteed Ridings for Northern Ontario to ensure the voices of Northern and Rural Communities is not stifled: and

**Further** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Temiskaming Municipal Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Honourable Anthony Rota MP for Nipissing-Timiskaming, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**CARRIED** 

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of Resolution No. 22-08-31-02

Christopher W. Oslund

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk-Treasurer