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Her Worship Pauline Rochefort
Mayor
Township of East Ferris
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Dear Mayor Rochefort:

I am pleased to write to you regarding the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) Fund.

As I announced today, our government, through the new NORDS Fund, is investing \$15 million annually over the next five years in municipalities across Northern Ontario to help offset some of the impacts that resource development can have on local municipal and community infrastructure.

All 144 municipalities in Northern Ontario are eligible to receive funding under the new NORDS Fund to support investments in municipal and community infrastructure projects. Based on community size, an annual allocation has been identified for each municipality in Northern Ontario.

This new funding will complement existing funding streams available to municipalities for infrastructure projects. To help address and respond to municipal priorities, the NORDS Fund is flexible and will allow municipalities to stack with other programs, carry-over unused allocations year over year, and pursue partnerships with other northern municipalities to support regional projects.

I am pleased to confirm that Township of East Ferris's annual allocation is \$128,407.96. This annual allocation can fund projects that began on or after April 1, 2021.

You can begin submitting project information on December 7, 2021, through the Transfer Payment Ontario website available at www.ontario.ca/page/get-funding-ontario-government.

Dominique Marleau, a Northern Development Advisor from my ministry's Regional Economic Development Branch, will reach out to you shortly to provide support, or to answer any questions you may have. Ms. Marleau can also be contacted by telephone at 705-471-1071, or by email at dominique.marleau@ontario.ca.

Our government remains committed to working with and supporting municipalities across Northern Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Rickford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" and last name "Rickford" clearly distinguishable.

The Honourable Greg Rickford
Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry