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Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy
Ministry of Finance
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Dear Minister Bethlenfalvy:

On behalf of the Board of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), I would like to thank you for meeting with us during the AMO Conference. Someday soon, it will be nice to sit across the table from you.

FONOM's mission is to improve the quality of life for all Northeastern Ontario citizens and ensure the future of our youth. As the unified voice for the people of Northeastern Ontario municipalities. We believe that having access to new revenue tools will help us with our mission. As we do not think with the challenges on the horizon, our reliance on property tax is sustainable for communities in the Northeast.

Below is a Resolution passed at the most recent FONOM Board meeting, and we would ask you and your colleagues to consider our request in your Party's Campaign Platform.

FONOM is an association of some 110 districts/municipalities/cities/towns in northeastern Ontario mandated to work for the betterment of municipal government in Northern Ontario and to strive for improved legislation respecting local government in the north. It is a membership-based association that draws its members from northeastern Ontario and is governed by an 11-member board.

Sincerely,



Danny Whalen
President

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Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) estimates the annual province-wide municipal infrastructure deficit to be \$6 billion dollars;

And Whereas the City of Toronto Act, 2006 granted Toronto broader municipal revenue tools than the other 443 municipalities;

And Whereas the AMO has long lobbied for its members the right to access the same revenue tools permitted by the City of Toronto Act;

And Whereas one of the revenue tools the City of Toronto charges and collects is a Municipal Land Transfer Tax (MLTT) in parallel with the Province of Ontario for all property sales, except for first-time homebuyers;

And Whereas in 2020 the City of Toronto received \$800 million from the Municipal Land Transfer Tax; this offset represents 15% of their annual revenue (page 28 of the 2021 Budget) and this revenue tool would generate nearly \$2.68 billion dollars for the other Ontario Municipalities, which would help municipalities' growing infrastructure deficit;

And Whereas Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities believes MLTT be renamed **Land Transfer Infrastructure Support (LTIS)**;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities ask the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to lobby the Premier of Ontario to grant Ontario Municipalities the same Municipal Revenue Tools as the City of Toronto.

Further Be It Resolved that an electronic copy of this Resolution be shared with the Provincial Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy, the Leaders of the Provincial Oppositions, the Ontario's Big City Mayors, ROMA, OSUM, and NOMA