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To Northern Ontario municipalities:

I am writing to share that I am looking forward to working with you as the new Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth.

Premier Ford recently unveiled his cabinet – an experienced team I am proud to be a part of. This team will deliver on the government's mandate to do whatever is necessary to protect Ontario in the face of tariffs from the United States, while building a stronger, more competitive and resilient economy.

It is an honour and a privilege to lead this portfolio. As a proud northerner, I have a deep appreciation for the work this ministry leads across this important part of the province. I understand the importance of investing strategically in Northern Ontario communities and advancing economic development through partnerships and solutions. It is through reflecting the unique needs of the North and helping it to grow and thrive that we will successfully meet the opportunities that lie ahead.

The Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth will continue to make strategic investments and deliver government programs and services that strengthen the northern economy, build critical infrastructure and create good jobs.

In the coming months, I look forward to discussing how we can work together to build and support strong, vibrant northern communities and businesses for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George Pirie".

The Honourable George Pirie
Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth