



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: July 12, 2021

Title: Support Resolution Request

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Department: Administration

Report Number: Administration-2021-08

Recommendation:

That Council provide direction to staff regarding a support resolution request.

Background:

The City of Dryden receives Support Resolution requests and Information Items to be presented to Council. These are compiled and presented at the Committee of the Whole Meeting to obtain direction regarding those items Council would like to support which will be brought forward to the next meeting of Council.

Discussion:

Council of the Town of Fort Frances recently adopted a resolution to call upon the Governments of Canada and Ontario to intervene in the sale of the Fort Frances-International Falls Bridge and to make all necessary efforts to acquire the bridge with their American counterparts, to operate it as a public asset and to remove tolls. The resolution (attached) explains the history of the bridge and its importance to Fort Frances and the region. One of the owners of the bridge, Resolute Forest Products, has indicated it wants to divest itself of the bridge after collecting high tolls for many years; tolls that were to have gone towards the rehabilitation of the bridge this decade. The Town of Fort Frances is concerned that new private ownership of the bridge will result in higher tolls or that public access to the bridge will be compromised due to safety or financial reasons.

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Attachments (Reference Material):

Joint Letter from Fort Frances
International Bridge Resolution