

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 4.3.
Resolution Number 2025-223
Title: Resolutions of Support for Correspondence
Date: September 17, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution No. 2025-279 passed on August 12, 2025 by the City of North Bay and supports Resolution #173-08-2025 passed on August 19, 2025 by the Municipality of Assiginack, regarding making the NORDS Pilot Program permanent;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of Northern Development; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness; the Minister of Infrastructure; the Minister of Natural Resources; our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA); the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



The Honourable Greg Rickford
Minister of Northern Development
Suite 400
160 Bloor Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2E6

Re: NORDS Pilot Program

Dear Honourable Greg Rickford,

At its regular meeting held on August 19, 2025, the Council of the Township of Assiginack passed the following resolution expressing support for making the NORDS pilot program permanent:

Resolution #173-08-2025 – R. Maguire – J. Bowerman

WHEREAS the City of North Bay has circulated their letter to the Province requesting the NORDS pilot program to become a permanent funding opportunity for Northern municipalities and to expand the criteria to include agricultural equipment impact on roads;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Assiginack Council agrees and provides their support of this request.

Carried.

The NORDS program provides essential support for maintaining and improving infrastructure that is critical to Northern municipalities. Making this program permanent and expanding its criteria would ensure that rural and agricultural communities can manage the increasing strain on local roads caused by agricultural and heavy equipment.

We respectfully urge the Province to consider making the NORDS program a permanent funding initiative and thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Stasia Carr'.

Stasia Carr
Clerk
Township of Assiginack



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August 13, 2025

Honourable Greg Rickford
Minister of Northern Development
Suite 400
160 Bloor Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2E6

Dear Hon. Greg Rickford:

This is Resolution No. 2025-279 which was passed by Council at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

Resolution No. 2025-279:

"Whereas the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

And Whereas the program has been well received and has allowed municipalities, such as the City of North Bay, to strategically accumulate multi-year allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

And Whereas the City of North Bay recognizes the importance of modern, safe, and efficient infrastructure to support economic growth and industrial competitiveness;

AND WHEREAS the Seymour Street Widening project from Station Road to Wallace Road, including a signalized intersection, is a critical continuation of the intersection improvement at Hwy 11/17 and Seymour Street, directly supporting a high-value industrial zone;

And Whereas this arterial corridor enables key sectors such as mining, forestry, construction, and manufacturing to receive and ship goods efficiently, impacting markets provincially and beyond;

And Whereas the updated total Seymour Street Widening project budget of approx. \$11 million includes contributions from multiple funding programs such as NORDS (\$2 million) and OCIF (\$4,259,448).

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the City of North Bay strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

And Further Be It Resolved That the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;

And Further Be It Resolved That the Council of the City of North Bay formally supports the principle of stacking (accumulating) funding from multiple grant and infrastructure programs to advance strategic capital works, such as the Seymour Street Widening project, and requests continued flexibility from higher levels of government to enable effective financial planning and timely delivery of large-scale municipal infrastructure initiatives;

And Further Be It Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Development, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, Nipissing MPP Victor Fedeli, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support."

Yours truly,



Veronique Hie
Deputy City Clerk

VH/ck

cc: Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Minister of Infrastructure
Minister of Natural Resources
Nipissing MPP, Victor Fedeli
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