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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR:

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SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:

☐ Louanne Caza
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RESOLUTION # 287/2025

DATE October 14, 2025

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, plans to begin aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides starting on or before August 10th, 2025, in the Timiskaming Forest; and

WHEREAS the Timiskaming Forest covers a significant portion of the Municipality of McGarry and neighbouring municipalities and this activity may impact residents and ecosystem; and

WHEREAS new scientific evidence published since Health Canada's last assessment of glyphosate in 2017 has linked glyphosate-based end-use products to cancer, metabolic and neurological diseases' reproductive toxicity, and ecosystem harm; and

WHEREAS the Province of Quebec banned the use of glyphosate for forestry purposes in 2001 and replaced aerial herbicide spraying with manual forest thinning as a safer alternative forest management method; and

WHEREAS many residents have expressed concern regarding the potential environmental and public health risks associated with aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of McGarry formally requests that Honorable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, reconsider the planned use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the Timiskaming Forest and suspend the aerial spraying initiative until further independent research and update risk assessment are completed and reviewed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to:

The Honorable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

The Honorable Sylvia Jones' Minister of Health

MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming-Cochrane

AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario)

FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities)

All municipalities within Northeastern Ontario

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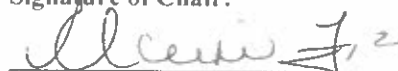
	For	Against
Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
Councillor Francine Plante		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

<i>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *</i>

I declare this motion

☒ Carried
☐ Lost / Defeated
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Because:
☐ Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Signature of Chair:



**Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.*