



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Resolution # RC24090	Meeting Order: 13
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>[Signature]</i>

**WHEREAS** the highway route suggested by Gilbert Boland in his letter dated February 6, 2024, to the Mayors of Sudbury and Thunder Bay to re-route Highway 400/69 through Chapleau to White River would take millions of taxpayers dollars and considerable time and resources to develop, including obtaining full Indigenous agreement, with little to no financial benefit resulting to the Province of Ontario and would in fact result in the loss of jobs in existing small business operators such as motels, stores, gas stations and restaurants operating in the Municipality of Wawa and in several other northern communities, such as Sault Ste. Marie and Blind River, located along the existing Trans-Canada Highway;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the proposed Highway 400/69 extension suggested by Mr. Boland would not improve economic development throughout Northern Ontario since the new proposed route would result in thousands of transport trucks and other vehicular traffic that travel the existing Trans-Canada Highway 17 between Sudbury and Wawa would be re-routed from travelling through many communities negatively impacting jobs, economic development, tourism growth and existing business;

**NOWTHEREFORE** the Council of the Municipality of Wawa indicates its strong objection to the letter and request from Gilbert Boland sent to the Province, City of Sudbury, Township of Chapleau and other various parties seeking support for a new Highway 400/69 extension to be built from Sudbury to Chapleau to White River which would essentially by-pass Wawa and other communities in Northeastern Ontario that depend on highway traffic to support their economies, jobs, businesses and families living in Northeastern Ontario;

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AND FURTHER that a copy of this Resolution be sent to all persons who received a copy of the Gilbert Boland letter including the Premier of Ontario Doug Ford, Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Transportation Vijay Thanigasalam, Deputy Minister of Transportation Douglas Jones, FONOM, City of Sault Ste. Marie, Municipality of Blind River and all communities located on the Trans-Canada Highway between Sudbury and Wawa.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield	YES NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann	
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato	

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL