



Memorandum

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TO: Members of City Council

FROM: John S. Hannam, City Clerk

DATE: August 31, 2017

SUBJECT: Support for Thunder Bay CEDC NCIR Application: Ferrochrome Processor

Attached is correspondence from Mr. Doug Murray, CEO of the Thunder Bay CEDC presenting a request for the support of City Council of the CEDC's application for funding from the Northern Communities Investment Readiness program.

Administration recommends that City Council support the application as requested and presents the following motion for the consideration of Committee of the Whole at its meeting of September 11, 2017:

“With respect to the Thunder Bay CEDC, in partnership with Fort William First Nation, and their objective of developing an investment proposal to Noront Resources, to attract their planned ferrochrome processor development to the area, we recommend that City Council express its support for the CEDC's application for funding from the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines' Northern Communities Investment Readiness program, to aid in the development of such a proposal.”



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August 21, 2017

Mr. Norm Gale,
City Manager
Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay
2nd Floor City Hall
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3

Dear Norm,

I am writing this letter to request the support of the City of Thunder Bay in our Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) Northern Communities Investment Readiness (NCIR) application. The application is for funding to help the Thunder Bay CEDC and the Fort William First Nation Economic Development Corporation put together an investment proposal to Noront Resources to attract their proposed ferrochrome processor to the Thunder Bay area.

Our proposal will not only have to cover the hard technical requirements of land, power, gas and infrastructure, but also the availability of labour, training, education institutions and most importantly community support. As we build our proposal we will require in kind support from your staff to help us put the best proposal forward that we can.

Therefore, we are requesting a letter from the City of Thunder Bay supporting our application for NCIR funding to help us attract Noront's ferrochrome processor project. The location of Noront's ferrochrome processor in the Thunder Bay area will require an investment of \$1 billion dollars and potentially employ 350 people for the stage 1 project plus support personnel and contractors.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Douglas Murray".

T. Douglas Murray, P.Eng.
CEO, Thunder Bay CEDC