



**KENORA DISTRICT MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION**

**SUBJECT:** Housing Development Support

**SUBMITTED BY:** City of Kenora

**YEAR:** 2022

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Kenora has demonstrated housing needs across the continuum; Current NOHFC programs do not consider support for residential projects to be an eligible activity;

The existing Province of Ontario Site Readiness and Investment Ready: Certified Site Programs support industrial lands only – could there be opportunity for new, similar programs to support investment readiness related to residential development.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Whereas** the City of Kenora and other Northwestern Ontario municipalities are currently experiencing a shortage across the housing continuum which is impacting community economic growth; and

**Whereas** the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) has a mandate to promote and stimulate economic development initiatives in Northern Ontario by providing financial assistance to projects that stabilize, diversify, and foster economic growth in the region; and

**Whereas** current NOHFC guidelines do not support residential projects as eligible activities or core infrastructure that may enable such projects;

**NOW THEREFORE MAY IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Kenora District Municipal Association** requests that NOHFC review and revise its eligibility criteria to consider support for economic development projects related to housing development.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Concurrence   X  \_\_\_\_\_

Concurrence as Amended \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Concurrence \_\_\_\_\_

**CONVENTION ACTION**

Concurrence   X  \_\_\_\_\_

Concurrence as Amended \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Concurrence \_\_\_\_\_