

FONOM

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

November 4, 2014

Hon. Bill Mauro
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Whitney Block, 6th Floor, Room 6630
99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, ON M7A 1W3

Dear Minister Mauro,

On behalf of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), we would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the efforts that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) undertook to ensure that three provincial parks will continue to operate.

The announcement that Ivanhoe Lake, Fushimi Lake and René Brunelle would all be operating and open for overnight camping in time for the 2015 season was welcomed news by northerners, campers and especially the City of Timmins, the Town of Hearst and the Township of Moonbeam.

Provincial parks provide outdoor recreational opportunities and generate significant tourism benefits to our beautiful region of northern Ontario. We look forward to working in cooperation with your Ministry to ensure that campers continue to have access to the camping experience.

In addition to this letter of appreciation, you will find FONOM's media release relating to the Province's decision to operate the three provincial parks.

FONOM has recently addressed the Premier, which you were copied, to seek support of beef farming expansion in northern Ontario. This industry, which is currently facing a decline, has a significant opportunity for growth in northern Ontario. FONOM would like to organize a meeting to discuss the future potential of beef farming in northern Ontario at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,



Alan Spacek
President