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The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

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Hon. Michael Gravelle
Minister of Northern Development and Mines
Whitney Block, 5th Floor, Room 5630
99 Wellesley Street West
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Dear Minister Gravelle,

Michael!

On behalf of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), we would like to express our sincere gratitude for meeting with our organization during the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) / Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) on February 22, 2016.

As the Northern representative at the table, we appreciate your vocal support and continued efforts to ensure that the Northern voice is heard within the government.

Our primary issue of discussion with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines was the Ring of Fire. As you are well aware, FONOM is anxious to see new developments take place in the near future and with a willing federal partner, we are hopeful that this significant project will move ahead.

FONOM is also looking forward to the results of the transportation corridor analysis that will be released shortly as you indicated during the meeting. Transportation in and out of the Ring of Fire will be a significant component of the success of the project and will provide an opportunity to connect many remote First Nation communities.

Other issues that were brought forward during the meeting that remain a priority for FONOM were the development of a long-term strategy to four-lane the TransCanada highway, infrastructure funding, assessment methodologies developed by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), non-urgent patient transfers, public health units, Northern industries, energy and the utilization of crown land for agricultural development.

Once again, thank you for meeting with our organization and we look forward to continuing to work with your Ministry.

Sincerely,

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Alan Spacek
President