

January 27, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Queen's Park  
Legislative Building  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

This is Resolution No. 2021-28(a)&(b) which was unanimously passed by Council at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

Resolution No. 2021-28(a)&(b):

"WHEREAS the Northlander Passenger Train operated by the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC) between Toronto and Cochrane was discontinued in 2012;

AND WHEREAS reliable and affordable passenger rail transportation in our area and other areas of the north is essential infrastructure for economic development of our resource-based industries, tourism, and access to health care;

AND WHEREAS Premier Ford made a campaign pledge during the 2018 Provincial Election to restore the Northlander;

AND WHEREAS the Province released the Northern Ontario Transportation Plan on Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, which referred to the return of the Northlander, but does not include a timeline for the resumption of service.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Corporation of the City of North Bay ask Premier Ford and the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation to restore passage rail prior to the 2022 Provincial Election.

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, MP Anthony Rota and MPP Victor Fedeli for their endorsement and support;

AND FURTHER the City of North Bay ask the Federal Government to assist in funding the annual expenses of the Northlander and the Polar Bear Express as they provide a valuable connection to the James Bay Coast.

Yours truly,

Karen McIsaac  
City Clerk

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cc: Hon. Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transportation  
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities  
Anthony Rota, MP  
Victor Fedeli, MPP