

February 22, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

**RE: Motion – Public Private Partnership Senior Government Policy Changes
(Supporting Northern College's Request)**

At its meeting of February 20, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake resolved the following:

*“Moved by: Mayor Stacy Wight
Seconded by: Councillor Rick Owen*

WHEREAS *there is a growing concern over the inadequate funding of postsecondary education by the Ontario Government, which has placed additional financial pressures on publicly funded colleges, undermined their sustainability and made it more difficult for colleges to respond to the needs of local employers;*

AND WHEREAS *Northern College has developed an important public-private college partnership with PURES College that contributes \$30 million annually in revenue to Northern College, equal to one-third of the Northern College Budget;*

AND WHEREAS *students enrolled in programs offered through the PURES public-private partnership campuses are recognized as students of a publicly funded college and are held to the same high standards of academic rigor, are provided with comparable wrap-around support services to those offered at Northern College and receive a Northern College credential;*

AND WHEREAS *the elimination of Post-Graduate Work Permits by the Federal Government for students graduating from programs offered through the PURES public-private partnership campus would result in an immediate suspension of revenue to Northern College, adversely affect the sustainability of the college and undermining the ability to support local employers;*

AND WHEREAS *the Ontario Government has recently called together a group of experts who have released recommendations in the Blue-Ribbon Panel report that are designed to ensure the long-term sustainability of the postsecondary education sector in Ontario;*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake urge the Ontario Government to immediately implement the Blue-Ribbon Panel recommendations and actively work with the Federal Government to restore the eligibility of public-private partner colleges, to grant students who successfully complete their program of study, a Post-Graduate Work Permit;

AND FINALLY THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Premier of Ontario, the Member of Provincial Parliament for Timiskaming-Cochrane, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

CARRIED”.

As so directed, a copy of Council’s resolution has been supplied above for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JM', written in a cursive style.

Jennifer Montreuil, Dipl. M.A.
Municipal Clerk