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WHEREAS a resolution was circulated on October 6, 2015 requesting support for the Four (4) Laning of Highway 11 from North Bay to Cochrane, which was supported by 34 municipalities from Northeastern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS after meetings with MTO and OPP officials to review traffic counts and other statistics, and being informed that we did not meet the requirements for MTO to consider four (4) Laning of this portion of Highway 11;

AND WHEREAS OPP findings showed that accidents were spread out over the entire length of the highway and not just in certain high-risk areas, with 15% involving Commercial Motor Vehicles, causing death or injuries;

AND WHEREAS Highway 11 is the preferred truck route connecting Ontario to Manitoba and Western Canada, and almost all goods and services travel by truck through the Timiskaming and Cochrane Districts;

AND WHEREAS the amount of transports and tourist traffic has been steadily increasing over the last few years, raising safety issues for those using this two (2) Lane highway; and

Whereas when major accident investigations occur, the road is closed down for periods of 8 to 10 hours, with no detours being available in many areas, resulting in isolation of our residents;

AND WHEREAS the two plus one roads program has been successful in many European countries, as outlined in our attachments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Temiskaming Mayors Action Group (TeMAG) firmly supports the City of Temiskaming Shores in its petition to the Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of Transportation to develop a pilot project involving a two plus one roads program, somewhere between North Bay and Cochrane;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Transportation; John Vanthof, MP for Timiskaming-Cochrane; Victor Fedeli, MP for Nipissing; the Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA); the Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association (NEOMA).

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