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Subject: FW: North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce - Rural Community Immigration Pilot (RCIP) Application Letter of Support
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Hello Mayor Rochefort,

Hope all is well today!

As you are aware, our Chamber is the proponent and currently delivering the North Bay and Area Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP). This community driven program is designed to spread the benefits of economic immigration to small northern and rural communities by creating a path to permanent residence for skilled foreign workers who want to work and live in the area. Your support of the current pilot is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to continuing to deliver great results for our area.

The current RNIP pilot is ending August 31, 2024. With that said, our Chamber is applying for the new pilot that IRCC announced called the Rural Community Immigration Pilot (RCIP). The Expression of Interest Application was released on May 21st and application for the new pilot which is due July 2, 2024. We are looking to keep the current boundary which your municipality is included and expand to encompass parts of the Parry Sound area.

I'm connecting today to see if you would be able to provide a letter of support from your municipality that we can include with our application to strengthen the request for our Chamber to continue delivering the pilot to our area, as we have seen tremendous results with the current pilot. We have built the momentum, and we don't want it to stop!

I attach a sample letter of support that you can apply to your letterhead and feel free to revise as you prefer. If you can email back to me by **Thursday, June 20th**, I'd greatly appreciate it.

I look forward to your earliest reply.

Best regards,

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