

IMMIGRATION PILOT PROGRAM APPLICATION

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WHEREAS City Council passed a resolution on April 23rd, 2018, supporting the Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors call for an immigration pilot for Northern Ontario, similar to the immigration pilot implemented in Atlantic Canada; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced a national immigration pilot for rural and remote communities and Sault Ste. Marie qualifies for the pilot; and

WHEREAS migration and immigration and the development of our community's labour force are critical to our community's social and economic future; and

WHEREAS Sault Ste. Marie is a welcoming community that has demonstrated a willingness and an ability to accept and support the settlement of immigrants and, most recently, refugees; and

WHEREAS the Mayor has been activity lobbying and advocating for an immigration pilot for our community and he has assembled a group of community stakeholders to assist with an application to participate in an immigration pilot;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council supports and endorses an application to participate in the national immigration pilot for rural and remote communities and hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to work with the relevant community partners and stakeholders to complete and submit the application.