

NORTHERN ONTARIO TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE

Mover: Paul Christian

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WHEREAS Sault Ste Marie is situated on an international border with access to major U.S. commercial markets and;

WHEREAS the International Bridge is situated at the northern terminus of Interstate 75, a major transportation route and;

WHEREAS Sault Ste. Marie is located on a major waterway, the St. Marie's River which is home to the locks of Sault Ste. Marie Ontario and Michigan and;

WHEREAS the not for profit group, Coalition For Passenger Trains (CAPT), whose membership is composed of volunteers from Sault Ste. Marie and the Algoma district, has been in existence for several years and;

WHEREAS the CAPT group's major focus is advocating for an integrated transportation system for passengers and freight in the Algoma region and;

WHEREAS the provincial government recently announced the creation of a Northern Ontario Transportation task force and;

WHEREAS the task force does not include anyone from Sault Ste, Marie.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT council ask Mayor Christian Provenzano, to write a letter to Transportation Minister, Caroline Mulroney requesting that a representative from Sault Ste. Marie be included on the transportation task force.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT MPP Ross Romano be copied on the letter.