



## SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

August 31, 2022

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Agenda for the special meeting of the Council of the Township of Coleman to be held in the Coleman Community Hall, 937907 Marsh Bay Road, Coleman Township, Ontario, on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Adoption of the Agenda**

Draft Motion

**Be it resolved that** the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting of August 31, 2022 be approved as presented.

4. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

5. **New Business**

5.1. Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution – 2022 Public Participation – Ontario

Draft Motion

**Whereas** the Township of Coleman has been represented by the Member of Parliament for Nipissing-Timiskaming since 2003; and

**Whereas** the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario has proposed the elimination of one Riding in Northern Ontario and a redistribution of the remaining Electoral Ridings; and

**Whereas** the Township of Coleman and other municipalities in the South Temiskaming area would be part of a newly created Electoral Riding known as Cochrane-Timmins-Timiskaming; and

**Whereas** the population of the existing Riding of Nipissing-Timiskaming meets the population requirements to maintain the Federal Riding; and

**Whereas** the communities that comprise the current Electoral Riding of Nipissing-Timiskaming form a geopolitical entity that would be fragmented by the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario's proposal; and

**Whereas** this fragmentation would diminish and reduce access to Federal representation for the residents of the Township of Coleman; and

**Whereas** there is potential for the Province of Ontario to adopt the Federal electoral boundaries to establish Provincial electoral boundaries, which would repeat the negative effects on Provincial representation for the people and communities in Northern Ontario; and

**Whereas** the ability to effectively represent diverse, small, rural communities continues to be eroded with the loss of Electoral Ridings in Northern Ontario.



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Now therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Coleman hereby petitions the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission to withdraw the proposal to eliminate a Federal Riding in Northern Ontario; and

Further that the Township of Coleman petitions the Federal Government to introduce legislation that would provide for a minimum number of guaranteed Ridings for Northern Ontario to ensure the voices of Northern and Rural Communities is not stifled; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Temiskaming Municipal Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Honourable Anthony Rota MP for Nipissing-Timiskaming, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

### 6. Adjournment

#### Draft Motion

**Be it resolved that** the Special Council Meeting of August 31, 2022 hereby adjourns at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.