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Northern Road Link Project

Impact Assessment Agency of Canada

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Subject: Comments invited on the Draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and Draft Public Participation Plan for the Northern Road Link Project

I am writing on behalf of the Municipality of Greenstone in response to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) comment opportunity on the Draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and Draft Public Participation Plan for the Northern Road Link Project. We appreciate the opportunity to express our concerns.

While the Municipality of Greenstone in no way opposes the Northern Road Link Project, we do want to ensure that issues directly related to municipal resources and infrastructure are noted and considered going forward.

The project as currently outlined will result in a substantial increase in both human and vehicle traffic to our municipality. While we consent that this will have a positive economic impact, it will also cause a strain on a variety of our resources. Our main concerns are as follows:

- Highway 584 is not designed for the potential increase in traffic that would be brought from the roads. Currently, the Municipality of Greenstone is responsible for the maintenance of the road, and a clear plan for how the Municipality of Greenstone would be assisted in maintaining Highway 584 would be needed.
- The local hospital and ambulance services in Geraldton have limited capacity. There are many procedures that cannot be done at the local hospital. The hospital and ambulance services would need additional resources to accommodate increased population due to the new road access.
- Human trafficking is an issue that the area is already facing, and worker camps from the Project could further increase the problem. What will be done to counter this impact on public safety?
- More information is needed as to how the road projects would impact on the freight and transportation industry in Nakina and Geraldton.
- The Project and the connecting Webequie Supply Road and Marten Falls Community Access Road projects will require additional police services. It is unclear who will be the responsible authority for policing the roads.

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- The current local labour market is limited to support the construction of the road projects, and potential future development in the area.

Once again, we thank you for this opportunity and look forward to future communication regarding these issues.

Sincerely,

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CAO

