

## Representing the Districts of Kenora, Rainy River and Thunder Bay

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**Resolution 2024-25: Climate Action Incentive Rural Supplement** 

## Background:

WHEREAS the Government of Canada provides the Climate Action Incentive Payment to individuals and families to offset the cost of federal pollution pricing; and

WHEREAS the Climate Action Incentive Payment includes a 10% supplement for residents of small and rural communities that are outside a Census Metropolitan Areas; and

WHEREAS some of the municipalities that fall within a Census Metropolitan Area are small and rural communities that do not have the opportunity to reduce their carbon footprints in the same way as urban residents can through public transit or lower carbon heating sources.

WHEREAS the Municipality of Neebing is a rural municipality without a settlement area, without public transit and heavily reliant on oil and propane for home heating, that is within the Thunder Bay Census Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS proximity to the City of Thunder Bay does not afford residents in Neebing the option to sign on to additional carbon reducing services.

## Recommendation:

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Moved By: Lisa Teeple, Councillor of Emo

Seconded By: Alex Crane, Councillor of O'Connor

**CARRIED** 

Wendy Landry