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☒ Annie Keft  
☐ Francine Plante  
☐ Mayor Culhane

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☐ Louanne Caza  
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RESOLUTION # 287/2025

DATE October 14, 2025

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, plans to begin aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides starting on or before August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in the Timiskaming Forest; and

**WHEREAS** the Timiskaming Forest covers a significant portion of the Municipality of McGarry and neighbouring municipalities and this activity may impact residents and ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS** new scientific evidence published since Health Canada's last assessment of glyphosate in 2017 has linked glyphosate-based end-use products to cancer, metabolic and neurological diseases' reproductive toxicity, and ecosystem harm; and

**WHEREAS** the Province of Quebec banned the use of glyphosate for forestry purposes in 2001 and replaced aerial herbicide spraying with manual forest thinning as a safer alternative forest management method; and

**WHEREAS** many residents have expressed concern regarding the potential environmental and public health risks associated with aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of McGarry formally requests that Honorable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, reconsider the planned use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the Timiskaming Forest and suspend the aerial spraying initiative until further independent research and update risk assessment are completed and reviewed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be forwarded to:

The Honorable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

The Honorable Sylvia Jones' Minister of Health

MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming-Cochrane

AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario)

FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities)

All municipalities within Northeastern Ontario

Recorded vote requested by \_\_\_\_\_

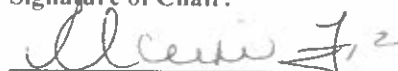
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| Councillor Louanne Caza    |     |         |
| Councillor Elaine Fic      |     |         |
| Councillor Annie Keft      |     |         |
| Councillor Francine Plante |     |         |
| Mayor Bonita Culhane       |     |         |

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| <i>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *</i> |
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I declare this motion

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| Because:                                                 |
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| Expected response: _____ (enter date)                    |

Signature of Chair:



*\*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.*