

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ATIKOKAN

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Date: 25 February 2019

Moved By

Rob Ferguson

Seconded By

M. Makarenko

WHEREAS the Ontario government is currently undertaking a review of the Endangered Species Act to "improve protections for species at risk, consider modern and innovative approaches to achieve positive outcomes for species at risk, as well as to look for ways to streamline approvals and provide clarity to support economic development."; and

WHEREAS The Corporation of the Town of Atikokan understands that the CFSA is an equivalent process to the ESA; and

WHEREAS changes made to the ESA must include the consideration of climate change on habitat on all species at risk policy; and

WHEREAS changes made to the ESA must recognize the cumulative impact of all species at risk policy on a healthy economy; and

WHEREAS socio-economic impact analysis must be completed and shared with impacted stakeholders and Indigenous communities prior to any species at risk policy being implemented; and

WHEREAS even under a permanent regulation or legislative change to the ESA recognizing equivalency, species at risk policy and prescriptions delivered under the CFSA must consider the impacts of climate change and the cumulative social and economic impacts; and

WHEREAS Ontario has a window of opportunity to ensure a workable outcome on species at risk policy that provides a long-term solution that protects jobs and the economy; and

WHEREAS The Corporation of the Town of Atikokan remains concerned that the Federal Government could step into non-Federal lands and prescribe how forests will be managed through an unworkable Section 11 conservation Agreement or Emergency Protection Order;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Town of Atikokan in an effort to support the forest industry strongly encourages the Ontario Government to recognize equivalency between the ESA and CFSA through a permanent section 55 regulation or legislative change to the ESA. While working under the CFSA, the forest sector requires species at risk policy and prescriptions that consider the impacts of climate change and the cumulative, social and economic impacts.

RECORDED VOTE	COUNCIL MEMBER			
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