

September 18, 2025

City of Thunder Bay City Council

Re: Support for Science North Development at the Thunder Bay Waterfront

The Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission (CEDC) is pleased to express our support for the development of a proposed new Science North facility with the Cultural Campus on Thunder Bay's waterfront. We are encouraged by the collaborative efforts and meaningful progress being made toward this transformational cultural attraction for our community.

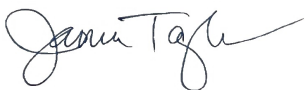
Since its conception stages, the CEDC have supported the proposal and continues to provide active assistance as the proposal progresses. The project aligns closely with both the current and emerging strategic action plans. Our staff remain engaged with Science North's planning team, and through the CEDC Tourism Development Fund, we have previously supported design work for the new campus and continue to collaborate on present and future applications related to progressive phases of the project.

The economic impact of this project is significant. The proposed facility is projected to welcome over 73,000 visitors annually, including approximately 23,000 from outside the region, generating more than \$4.6 million each year in economic impact for Thunder Bay. It will also support 30 new jobs in Thunder Bay which contributes to our local economy. In addition, the campus will enhance our community by offering dynamic educational programming, immersive STEM experiences, and a versatile multi-use venue for events, all of which directly complement our development goals.

The CEDC recognizes the importance of Science North in promoting STEM education and its role as a new cultural attraction appealing to a wide range of visitors including families, cruise passengers, knowledge seekers, corporate groups and more.

If you wish to discuss further, please contact me at [Jamie.Taylor@thunderbay.ca](mailto:Jamie.Taylor@thunderbay.ca)

Sincerely,



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Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission

