



## **PUBLIC STATEMENT**

### **Mayor Kim Baigrie Outraged at Untruthful Statement Made By Thunder Bay Resident**

On Saturday April 20, 2024, a letter to the editor in the Chronicle Journal written by Mr. Paul Filteau, a Thunder Bay resident, stated “Since the Mayor of Ignace had the day before ordered some of us off the public arena property (we were registered participants) where the hosting festival was being held, our new visitor status provoked some thought.”

Mayor Kim Baigrie, The Township of Ignace, Members of Council and Township organizational staff were horrified and outraged to read both in the Mr. Filteau’s letter to the editor, but also then reposted on a variety of Facebook locations, an outright lie and untruthful comment made by Mr. Filteau.

This Mayor has been nothing short of being the most welcoming and most hospitable person throughout the entirety of the Northwest Nuclear Exploration Event. Mayor Baigrie was the person who drove the agenda to include all voices, include their participation, their opinions, and their voices on a panel at this very successful event. Mayor Baigrie, for both days of the Nuclear Exploration Event, hosted Mayors, community leaders, First Nation, and Metis leadership, met with presenters, and dialogued extensively with the public and residents of her community. Her extraordinary efforts to ensure the venue was welcoming, educational and open to all, both from within Ignace and beyond were commendable and very much added to the overall success of this event.

For Mr. Filteau, who the Mayor has never met, to suggest that she ordered him or other participants off the public arena property and to this very open public event, is outrageous, ludicrous and an outright lie.

The Northwest Nuclear Exploration Event, with over 500 participants, was a tremendous success and Ignace residents were able to have access once again to and learn from presentations, panel discussions, dialogues and over 40 exhibitors, of which Northwatch and Environment North both participated fully on.

“As the Mayor of this amazing community, we must remember that we must not be influenced or slated by those who are willing to write publicly and shamefully untruthful comments and are willing to re-share those lies”, stated Mayor Kim Baigrie. “Mr. Filteau should be issuing a public apology to myself and more importantly to the people of Ignace.”