

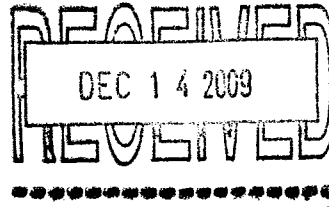
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December 10, 2009

His Worship
Mayor Ike Laba
Municipality of Temagami
PO Box 220
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Dear Mayor Laba:

Thank you for your letter of November 2, 2009 regarding your concern about the possibility of remote participation by elected councillors in council meetings.

As you know, the *Municipal Act* requires that councillors physically attend council meetings. Your concerns about representation of seasonal residents and the difficulties of winter travel are appreciated. Please be assured that ministry staff have been made aware of your views and will consider them when the *Municipal Act* is next reviewed.

Once again, thank you for writing to me about this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Watson, MPP
Minister