



Friday, March 11, 2022

Ms. Yolaine Rousseau
Executive Vice-President, WAWA OSB Inc.
Mill Road 30 km East Highway 101
Wawa, Ontario Canada, P0S1K0

RE: Letter of Support for the Wawa OSB INC. Mill Relaunch

Dear Ms. Rousseau,

It is with great enthusiasm that on behalf of Wawa Municipal Council of the Municipality of Wawa, I indicate our full support for the start-up of the Wawa Oriented Strand Board (OSB) manufacturing plant, located just outside Wawa. This important project will greatly strengthen and diversify the local economy and revive the wood industry in Northeastern Ontario. The Wawa OSB plant will use wood species for which there are currently no other industries in the area utilizing, supporting provincial forest management goals and the company's vision of operating with environmental stewardship and sustainable forest management practices.

The relaunch of the Wawa OSB plant will create over 130 well-paid, direct jobs and provide approximately 450 indirect jobs to an area that lost 100s of jobs over a decade ago when the former Weyerhaeuser OSB plant closed operations. This exciting and needed project will have a major impact on the economies of all the surrounding communities, including Michipicoten First Nation, Dubreuilville, Chapleau and Wawa.

I appreciate the consultation and transparency processes that the company has initiated with the Municipality to ensure we are able to maximize benefits for the Wawa OSB plant and community. Our initial discussions have certainly demonstrated the company's true desire to ensure the economic, environment and social impacts of the project are positive. I believe that each one of us living in the area will benefit from the revival of this important wood-based business, both in the short and long-term

Congratulations to you and your team on embarking on this business journey and we look forward to supporting Wawa OSB Inc. at every opportunity the Municipality can. Please accept Council's best wishes for success and do not hesitate to contact me any time at ptait@wawa.cc or 705-852-0959.

Sincerely,

Pat Tait, Mayor

cc: Members of Council
Maury O'Neill, CAO