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The Township of Pickle Lake Economic Development Office

Greetings to the Citizens of Pickle Lake, residents, entrepreneurs, business owners, employees, service workers and a warm welcome to the visitors and temporary and re-located employees and businesses working in and around the Pickle Lake area.

Your Economic Development Office's mandate is "...focused on inspiring economic growth and fostering collaborative partnership for our community. Located in the heart of Northwestern Ontario, we are a key shipment point for goods and services moving between northern communities and southern city centers. With the expansion of hydro transmission through Pickle Lake and the increase in mining exploration and development, our future is brimming with commercial prospects. Our strategic location and lifestyle opportunities for outdoor enjoyment in combination with professional support in a safe and spirited community are among the many reasons to build and grown your business in Pickle Lake."

This mandate was written at the outset of the establishment of the office in 2016 and it still remains relevant even during this unprecedented time of global change facing all of us due to the Covid-19 virus outbreak.

As you are aware, the Federal and Provincial governments have rolled out a number of programs to assist businesses overcome challenges as a result of closure, shutdown and reduction of revenue.

The following pages provide links to the various programs available depending on individual circumstances. The information is admittedly overwhelming but there are ways to connect to various people who are in place to assist you with accessing these programs and to provide information and guidance.

As the newly reinstated Economic Development Officer for the Township, I am available by email or cell phone. My start coincided with the pandemic outbreak, so I too, am still learning and reading and investigating, so I will do my best to help you or to provide direction to an office and individual who may be able to assist you with your application for assistance and funding.

Please keep in touch with this webpage for updates. I will be tracking down as many emails as possible for mass email updates as they become available and as I learn more about these programs. Feel free to send an email to me directly with the following in the subject line "Please add me to your EDO email list".

So until this period of uncertainty, concern and challenge has subsided, I wish you and your family and circle of friends the smoothest sailing possible over the choppy waters that face us all. The people of Pickle Lake have a heart of gold and during the toughest times is when this gold shines brightest.

My contact information is as follows: lcox@picklelake.com and my cell is (807) 474-9461. Of note – I am in BC right now in the pacific-time zone which is 2 hours behind Pickle Lake.

Warm regards,

Lynn Cox

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