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Honourable Kathleen Wynne  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Suite 281  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON  
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Dear Premier Wynne,

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers would like to voice their dissatisfaction with the Province's decision to end the Jobs for Youth Program funded by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. Since 2008 the Jobs for Youth Program has helped hundreds of at-risk youth find and maintain summer employment. The new Youth Job Connect-Summer Program has significantly reduced the funding allocation and targets of this program which is unacceptable.

Under the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, the new Youth Job Connection-Summer Program reduced the number of at-risk youth obtaining 8 week summer jobs from 111 in 2015 to 19 in 2016. Without the same target number and the full allocation of this program many at-risk youth will be unable to find and maintain summer employment, which can lead to destructive behaviour from youth. The Jobs for Youth Program provides at-risk youth a safe, encouraging environment, to learn in their employment.

Maintaining support for our at-risk youth should be a top priority and making budget reductions on the backs of our at-risk youth is totally unacceptable.

Madame Premier, please make this a priority and restore the funding to these summer job programs.

Yours truly,

Kim Sloss  
Clerk-Administrator

cc: Carol Hughes, MP-Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing