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Subject: Action for Clerks: Request for Upcoming Agenda - Provincial and Federal supports for Drinking Water Plant Expansion

Importance: High

Hello Clerks Giles, Helmkey and Lehr from The Town of the Blue Mountains, Clearview and Essa, (with cc to Mayors and CAOs)

The Councils of Collingwood and New Tecumseth are asking for your Council's support in our asks to the Provincial and Federal Government that they support our drinking water treatment plant expansion. We have been able to speak with all the CAOs and most of the Mayors, and if needed they, CAO Parkin or I can provide you with additional information. We believe that the servicing of growth in your municipality may benefit from the availability of sufficient, reasonably priced and high quality drinking water from this plant, either immediately or over time.

We are asking that you add a proposed Motion to the next available agenda, as the deadline for award is prior to mid-November and the outreach to other orders of government is happening as soon as possible. The following has been prepared as a template, pending any changes that are appropriate for your municipality:

WHEREAS the provincial government has a goal of building 1.5 million new homes by 2031, and the federal government has intention to address housing;

AND WHEREAS the Great Lakes are a resource for all of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS existing water infrastructure includes a large capacity intake pipe from Georgian Bay, and a 60km pipeline from the water treatment plant in Collingwood southerly to New Tecumseth, with outtakes in Clearview and Essa Townships in Simcoe County; and there is existing infrastructure to The Town of the Blue Mountains in Grey County;

AND WHEREAS the Environmental Assessment of the Collingwood-located Water Treatment Plant incorporated long-term needs with two phases, the current Phase 1 which provide substantial capacity increases in 2028 including over 9,000 units for Collingwood, which upon agreement could be shared with The Town of the Blue Mountains, and about 14,500 units for New Tecumseth, and enables further stepped capacity increases to meet municipal water needs for almost 36,000 additional housing units and/or industrial uses and incorporates Clearview and potentially others that would otherwise have constrained access to water;

AND WHEREAS this area is growing at one of the quickest rates in Canada and has the approved and in flight development applications and industry to support the delivery of housing, industrial growth and the proposed new regional hospital in Collingwood;

AND WHEREAS the total project cost increased from \$50M to \$120M and is now in the range of \$270M with the bid prices, and it is not affordable for the current developers, ratepayers and taxpayers to fully fund this project;

AND WHEREAS the project is shovel-ready, with bids valid until November 10th, 2023 and likely to increase if they expire;

AND WHEREAS the remaining capacity in the plant is about 2,000 units plus any interim capacity, and a non-award will stymie growth and last into 2029 and potentially beyond;

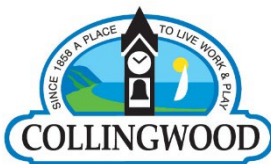
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the asks from Collingwood and New Tecumseth to the provincial Ministers of MMAH and Infrastructure and the federal government that they help enable the water treatment plant expansion to proceed, including that the province appoint the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator to co-develop a solution;

AND THAT Council support a Council or staff representative of the municipality sitting on a short-term task force with the Development Community seeking to enable this expansion to proceed;

AND THAT Council's Resolution be communicated to MPP Sauderson, MP Dowdall, the Town of Collingwood and the Town of New Tecumseth. [add The Town of the Blue Mountains, Clearview and Essa as appropriate]

Sincerely and with thanks,

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