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Subject: Ltr to Minister of Health re. CGMH & Poplar Regional Health & Wellness Village

Good morning,

Our Mayor Doug Measures has asked if I can circulate the attached letter addressed to the Minister of Health regarding support for the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital and the Poplar Regional Health and Wellness Village. This letter was drafted in consultation with the respective Mayors from each of our municipalities. We are requesting if the attached could be added to your Council agenda, seeking support from your Council to send to the Minister.

If you could let me know the date of the upcoming meeting that the correspondence will be included on that would be appreciated. I can then follow up to see if support was received from your Council and move forward accordingly.

Thank you,

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February 10, 2024

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
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BY EMAIL ONLY

Re: Collingwood General & Marine Hospital (the “Hospital”) & Poplar Regional Health and Wellness Village (the “Project”)

Dear Minister Jones:

We are writing to confirm our collective support of the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital (the “Hospital”) and the Poplar Regional Health and Wellness Village (the “Project”) on Poplar Side Road in Collingwood.

The vision of the Project includes the new Hospital being built on the adjacent greenfield site, as well as innovative medical services, ancillary healthcare programs, regional community wellness patient care services, biotech and life sciences. The Project will also include affordable, attainable, workforce, and supportive purpose-built housing. Some of these housing units will operate in conjunction with new long-term care, assisted living, memory care, and healthcare facilities and services.

The Project and Hospital will create substantial knowledge-based jobs and deliver much-needed economic diversification and growth for our communities.

Recently, we learned that the construction of the new Hospital has encountered further delays and the Infrastructure Ontario Market Update has now extended the project timeline by fifteen months. The approval of the greenfield build site for the Hospital is the crucial first step in the process of realizing a new healthcare facility for South Georgian Bay.

We are seeking your Ministry’s assistance in expediting the Hospital build and exploring interim investments in the current Collingwood General and Marine Hospital to ensure our residents will continue to receive the high quality care they deserve while we await the new hospital on the greenfield site.

The move to a greenfield build for the Regional Hospital is, in our view, the optimal choice for the communities we serve. This transformative and innovative project, seamlessly integrating



health and wellness, healthcare, housing, employment, and economic development, aligns with the widespread public interest and has garnered overwhelming support from Collingwood, Clearview, Wasaga Beach, Town of Blue Mountains, Grey Highlands and other municipalities across both Simcoe and Grey Counties.

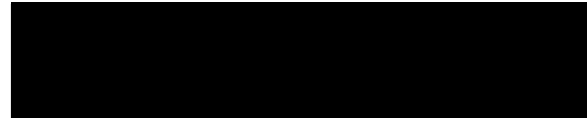
We believe there is a significant opportunity to invest in a new hospital for our region while simultaneously addressing workforce housing challenges and promoting wellness. This project holds the potential to contribute to social and economic improvements by investing in people and enhancing their quality of life through pursuits in sport, recreation, and culture. It also serves as a visionary model for other communities to emulate.

We appreciate your ongoing support and assistance in realizing this pivotal project.

Yours truly,

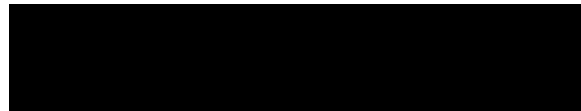


Brian Smith
Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach

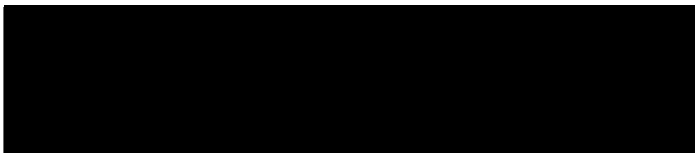


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