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Mayor Matrosovs and Town of The Blue Mountains Council
Town of The Blue Mountains
32 Mill Street
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*Sent via email

RE: Grey County Support for Shared Path Consultation Initiative

Dear Mayor Matrosovs and Town Council,

Thank you for your recent correspondence on the Shared Path Consultation Initiative stemming from your February 18, 2025 Town Council meeting. On behalf of Grey County staff, I would like to offer an update on the County's support for this initiative.

County staff had the privilege to attend the Shared Path Consultation Initiative workshop in the Municipality of West Grey on June 26, 2024, alongside Town of The Blue Mountains staff. The workshop was well attended and a great opportunity to start discussions on the potential for an Indigenous Consultation Hub. Since that workshop, County staff have been actively engaged with representatives of Shared Path, alongside First Nations representatives, and municipal representatives from the County of Bruce, County of Simcoe, Town of Collingwood, and Town of The Blue Mountains.

County staff received a request for support for this pilot initiative. However, based on the timing of the request, it was too late to include funds in the 2025 County budget for this purpose. As a result, County staff have instead provided a letter of support (attached for your reference) in favour of the Shared Path Consultation Initiative pilot project, including offering in-kind County staff support and resources. Staff continue to work with representatives from the Shared Path Consultation Initiative on setting a terms-of-reference for this pilot project, and providing local knowledge on key parties to invite to this pilot project. It is our understanding that similar dialogue continues with the neighbouring counties of Bruce and Simcoe as well.

As spelled out in the County's attached letter of support, County staff are very interested in this project and excited to work alongside the various partners to foster collaboration, while empowering Indigenous communities, in accordance with the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Should you have any questions, or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours truly,

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Enclosure: County of Grey Letter of Support for Shared Path

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