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Town of The Blue Mountains
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Attention: Town Clerk

Subject: Appreciation for Support – 153rd Beaver Valley Fall Fair

Dear Members of Council,

The 2025 Beaver Valley Fall Fair was held on September 5th and 6th at the Beaver Valley Community Centre, Moreau Park and surrounding grounds. As the longest-standing community event in the Town of The Blue Mountains, we were proud to celebrate our 153rd year!

The success of this year's Fair was due in large part to the support we received through the Town's **Grants and Donations Program**, and we wish to extend our sincere thanks to Council for your continued commitment to our organization and community.

We were fortunate to enjoy beautiful weather throughout the weekend, which helped draw a strong turnout. On Friday evening, we welcomed approximately **500 adults and an estimated 700 children** (elementary-aged children receive free admission). We were honoured to have **Grey County Warden and The Blue Mountains Mayor Andrea Matrosovs** officially open the Fair. **2025 Beaver Valley Fall Fair Ambassador Cassie Ward and Junior Ambassador Kestrel Clarence were announced at the opening ceremony.** The Arena floor was filled with displays of farm produce, homecrafts, culinary creations, crafts, flowers, photography, art, antiques, and student projects. Visitors enjoyed viewing the exhibits while browsing local vendors. The **Classic Championship Wrestling** performance was once again a highlight, and the group continues to praise our Fair as one of the most welcoming audiences they meet—even fresh from their run at the CNE.

Saturday brought another full day of family-friendly activities, with roughly **700 adults and 700 children** attending. This level of participation reinforces that our collective efforts—and the Town's support—are deeply valued by the community. We take pride in offering **free entertainment** once admission is paid, made possible by the generosity of local organizations, businesses, and individuals.

Activities included dog agility demonstrations, the excavator challenge, inflatables, balloon artists and face painting, agricultural and petting zoo exhibits, children's entertainer **Erick Traplin**, live music by **Issac Goodings** and the **Sherri Jackson Band**, the **Egr Grey Guards Medieval Jousting**, a pet show, apple peeling contest, and a wide variety of food vendors (including the **TBM Fire Department**). These activities help create a welcoming space where

residents and visitors can gather, socialize, and experience the values that make our community special.

The Fair concluded with our traditional **Community Roast Beef Dinner**, enjoyed by 212 people—a wonderful way to close two days of festivities.

We also wish to acknowledge the **Town's in-kind support**, which in addition to the use of the Community Centre and Park, included the use of tables, picnic benches, garbage and recycling receptacles, fencing, stands, tent permit fees, noise by-law exemption fees and traffic control equipment, as well as covering the cost of OPP presence and the temporary closure of Victoria Street. The Grants and Donations funding also helps with meeting space throughout the year, supporting the planning and coordination that makes the Fall Fair possible.

Most of all, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to Town Council for your ongoing encouragement and support. We hope you were able to attend the Fair and share in the sense of pride and community it inspires. Your continued investment through the Grants and Donations Program contributes directly to the success and longevity of this cherished local tradition.

With appreciation,

Beaver Valley Agricultural Society Board of Directors

Peggy Slama, President