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Subject / Application:
Spy Cider House & Distillery

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing to formally request the opportunity to appear as a deputant before Council to respectfully seek consideration for a deferral of Development Charges in the amount of \$96,386.17 related to the proposed development at Spy Cider House & Distillery.

The project in question involves the construction of a two-storey multi-purpose events building as part of our on-farm diversified use. The proposed building will include washrooms, offices, a kitchen, a bar, storage rooms, a staff room, and a covered patio. It will complement our existing cidery, tasting room, seasonal outdoor kitchen, patio, and outdoor event area featuring an airstream trailer and converted grain silo bar. In addition to serving as a venue for agricultural and community events, the new structure will also provide much-needed storage and office space for the ongoing viability of our farm operations.

This process began as an effort to create a sustainable path forward — to generate enough income to continue farming and manufacturing our apple-based products onsite. Our goal has always been to keep this property rooted in agriculture while diversifying in a way that celebrates and sustains it. Unfortunately, the financial burden associated with required studies, planning processes, and development-related costs has been significant.

To date, with planning requirements including zoning amendments, noise and traffic studies, and other approvals, we have invested over \$400,000 before even breaking ground. These expenses have placed immense strain on our small, family-run agricultural business. The development charges of \$96,386.17 represent an additional financial hurdle that we simply cannot absorb at this time.

We are not seeking to avoid our obligations, but rather to request a deferral that will allow us the time to complete construction and begin generating the cash flow needed to meet these costs. This project is not just about business growth—it is about preserving a local farm, creating employment opportunities, enhancing agri-tourism, and providing a gathering place that showcases the beauty and bounty of apple country.

We have poured years of sweat, sacrifice, and financial investment into Spy Cider House & Distillery to

create something that serves the community and brings visitors to our region. With Council's support in deferring these development charges, we can ensure the long-term sustainability of our business, the continuation of our farming operations, and our shared goal of fostering local economic growth and rural vitality.

Thank you for considering this request. We would be grateful for the opportunity to present our case before Council and discuss how this deferral could help us complete this important agricultural and community initiative.

Warm regards,
Darcy Hagerman

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I agree to the terms of service.

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