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Mayor Guthrie and CAO Stewart

### **Communications and Working Relationship with City of Guelph and GJR**

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The purpose of this letter is to formally recognize the significantly improved communications and working relationship between the City of Guelph / GJR and the Township of Puslinch.

I specifically would like to acknowledge the efforts of Jayne Holmes, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, and the efforts she has put in with her team to increase communications and the sharing of information on the numerous projects underway that directly impact both municipalities and the respective residents. Our now regularly scheduled calls have had a very positive impact on the flow and sharing of information which helps both municipalities. I am pleased to be able to be in situation now to be able to contact Jayne with any question or to provide an update whenever necessary which results in very effective, timely sharing of information between municipal neighbours.

I also would acknowledge the efforts of John Regan, General Manager Economic Development and Tourism, specifically with respect to the now regularly scheduled calls to discuss and update each other with any matters pertaining to the operation of the GJR within Puslinch. As you are both aware, a number of significant concerns had been voiced by our community regarding a number of issues particularly within the Arkell area in and around the spring of 2021. I am very pleased to say that since that time John has made great efforts to enable open dialogue, opportunities for engagement to understand concerns, and meaningful steps towards resolution of identified concerns. His openness

to interaction and ability to find and offer solutions has been instrumental in improving relations and the situations identified.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Les Petroczi, General Manager of GJR over the past 2 years with the specific operational matters of concern that have arisen during this time. Communications and working relations are definitely improved with both our Public works and Fire Departments. I am pleased to say the vast majority of concerns have been worked on, and measures put in place to help minimize occurrences into the future.

In late December a report was presented to Puslinch Council which summarized the past year with respect to issues/concerns that had arisen during the course of the year along with update as to how these matters were addressed or what their current status was. The detailed information provided by John which was included in the report was very well received by Council and was extremely beneficial information for the residents of Puslinch as well. At this meeting, I was asked by Council to on their behalf, express their sincere thanks and appreciation for the efforts of these key staff and for the improved communications and enhanced working relationship between our two municipalities. We look forward maintaining these good relations as we continue to work on these issues and issues that may arise in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Schwendinger', is written on a light blue background.

Glenn Schwendinger, CAO

cc Jayne Holmes  
John Regan  
Les Petroczi