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Province of Ontario Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund

Re: Letter of Support, Municipality of Tweed Housing-Enabling Water Systems Funding Application

Attention Review Committee,

This letter serves to indicate Hastings County's support of the Municipality of Tweed's application for the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund. The purpose of this fund is to unlock more housing opportunities, support the province's growing population, protect communities, and enhance economic growth. The Municipality of Tweed's proposal is in alignment with these objectives and would have a large impact on their community.

The Municipality of Tweed will be undertaking the expansion of sewer services and the renewal of water services and storm water services in the George Street and James Street South subdivision that is currently only fully serviced by water. This expansion will allow for the Municipality to put in larger watermains and larger storm drainage system as well as sewer mains to accommodate a subdivision proposed for 27 houses plus opening up a lot owned by the Municipality for servicing. This lot is in the process of altering the zoning status and completing the phase 1 and 2 environmental assessments in order to prepare it for development of a mixed rental (market, affordable and gear-to-income units) facility. With the space and expected zoning amendments to be taken, projection is for a building envelope of over 10,000 square feet and 3 stories high which will allow approximately 40 to 50 units. Due to the aging current system for water and storm water in this area, and the need for sewer mains, this project has been identified as a priority project in water, sewer and storm in the asset management plan.

In addition, Tweed will be relining their water tower. Even if we complete the expansion above, provision of potable water can only be maintained if the elevated water storage facility can keep the water in a potable condition. The relining of the tower has been identified as priority for inspections and reviews done on the tower and needs to be done in the next two to four years. If this is not complete, and the tower fails, then the permit and licence for the municipality's water supply will be at risk.

The increase of 67 to 77 units in the subdivision above is only a small part of the growth prepped for the Municipality over the next 5 years. Other actions the municipality has taken is a detailed review of the comprehensive zoning by-law to relieve restrictions to improve densification within village and hamlet boundaries. These reliefs will allow larger structures on lots than previously to allow for more units within the structures. The relief will also reduce parking needs

that have been prohibitive in the past to development as well as allow smaller lot options for those looking for tiny or smaller homes.

Tweed is committed to seeing more housing built within their community and this funding will help initiate a portion of their 5 year growth that would not be available otherwise. On behalf of Hastings County Council, please accept this letter as an endorsement of the Municipality of Tweed's application for the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Mullin', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Bob Mullin, Warden
Hastings County