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GEORGIAN TRIANGLE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

**RE: Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund – Town of Collingwood and
Town of New Tecumseth – Request for Funding to Support Raymond A. Barker Water
Treatment Plant Expansion Project**

Premier Doug Ford,

With this letter, on behalf of the private sector development industry in the South Georgian Bay Region, **the Georgian Triangle Development Institute (GTDI) respectfully requests the Province provide the Town of Collingwood and Town of New Tecumseth the requested \$70 million of funding from the Province's Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund.**

Incorporated in 1992, the GTDI is a private sector non-profit organization representing the Development Industry within the South Georgian Bay Region, a list of our member organizations is attached. Our membership makes up the largest sector of employment, home building, investment, and partners in infrastructure development in the Region.

The GTDI supports the joint request by the Town of Collingwood and Town of New Tecumseth for \$70 million from the Province's House Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) to support the required expansion to the Raymon A. Barker Water Treatment Plant in the Town of Collingwood which jointly provides treated drinking water to both municipalities as well as the Town of the Blue Mountains and the Township of Clearview. This funding would support both municipalities with completing this critical project with an overall cost of \$270 million.

This project is of Provincial interest as it is required to support new housing, commercial and industrial growth in both municipalities which are experiencing tremendous growth pressures and are forecasted by the Province to continue to absorb a significant amount of growth over the next 30 years. It is noted that since work began on this project Honda announced they are moving forward with a significant investment and expansion of their operations in Alliston. This makes the successful completion of the Raymond A. Barker Water Treatment Expansion project even more critical as it will be required to support both Honda as well as all of the additional growth that will inevitably come with that expansion.

We appreciate the Province developing with the HEWSF to support critical projects such as this and look forward to a favourable decision.

As always, the Georgian Triangle Development Institute offers our collaboration with all levels of Government on tackling our housing crisis and growth pressures.

Sincerely,

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