

From: [Danielle White](#)
To: [Clerk's Distribution List](#)
Subject: Please Support the GTHS Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement
Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 11:08:57 AM

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Every day, I have the honour of hearing stories of how pets and families lives are changes by our programs, of the vital role pets play in our lives, and see firsthand the importance of services in our community. The impact of animal welfare services on our wellbeing and public health are unmistakable.

Please support this agreement. It's an investment in what makes our town a truly exceptional place to live, work, and play.

Helping build a more compassionate world for pets and people,

Danielle White (she/her)
Marketing Coordinator of Operations & Campaign

Georgian Triangle Humane Society
549 Tenth Line



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From: [David Matthews](#)
To: [Clerk's Distribution List](#)
Subject: Please Support the GTHS Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement
Date: Monday, May 26, 2025 3:36:33 PM

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Sincerely,
David Matthews

David G. Matthews




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From: [Erin Tuckey](#)
To: [Clerk's Distribution List](#)
Subject: Please Support the GTHS Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement
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My involvement with the GTHS began in 2017 when I moved to the area and joined the organization as a volunteer. The experience changed my life. At the time, I was recovering from a period of anxiety and depression, and I was looking to find joy, meaning, and community – a fresh start. The animals, volunteers and staff at the GTHS provided this for me. I am now lucky to call myself a staff member, and I have witnessed firsthand just how impactful our work is – not only for the animals we help, but also for the pet-owners, volunteers, donors, staff, partners, and clients we work with. The Regional Centre for Pets and People will provide immense benefits for our entire community.

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Sincerely,

Erin

Erin Tuckey, CAPM
Campaign Manager

Georgian Triangle Humane Society
549 Tenth Line
Collingwood ON, L9Y 0W1



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From: [Jane Pomfret](#)
To: [Clerk's Distribution List](#)
Subject: Please Support the GTHS Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement
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I have been a volunteer at the GTHS for the past ten years. During this time I have seen first hand the growth of the Shelter and how it has affected the lives of local citizens and the many many animals we that have rehoused. Not least during Covid when as a volunteer I worked five days a week.

Please support this agreement. It's an investment in what makes our town a truly exceptional place to live, work, and bring up our families.

With sincere thanks,

Jane Pomfret

Volunteerp

From: [James Simmonds](#)
To: [Clerk's Distribution List](#)
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My wife and I have been active volunteers in animal rescue programs for many years and since moving to and making Collingwood our permanent home we have become actively involved in the GTHS. The value of organizations such as the GTHS extend far beyond people's perceptions of what a Humane Society is. As referenced above, the GTHS provides many support services to the communities it serves and aids in the health and well being of its residents. On an annual basis the GTHS is supported by hundreds of volunteers in addition to its full time staff and is largely financially dependent on donations from local residents receiving little in the way of provincial or federal government assistance. Given the current state of the economy and the challenges the GTHS has faced in the past (e.g. Covid) raising the financial resources required to run such a facility on a day-to-day basis is becoming increasingly challenging.

We have outgrown our current facility on 10th line and truly need a larger and better equipped facility in order to continue to (and better) serve our community. Designating the GTHS Regional Centre for Pets & People as a Municipal Capital Facility would alleviate a considerable financial burden on our organization and ensure we can continue to serve the residents of our community in the best way possible whether it be through affordable Veterinary care, after school programs, the "Pet Pantry" for individuals who are struggling to make ends meet let alone care for their cherished fur babies, amongst many other benefits. Your support by making this designation will greatly enhance the ongoing viability of the GTHS and ensure that we are able to best serve our community for many years to come.

I encourage you to support this agreement and view it as a long term investment in making Collingwood a truly exceptional place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,

James Simmonds; CPA CA

GTHS Board Member

Chair - Finance & Risk Committee

From: [Jennifer Simmonds](#)
To: [Clerk's Distribution List](#)
Subject: Please Support the GTHS Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement
Date: Friday, May 23, 2025 9:24:32 AM

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I have held the lucky position of a volunteer Adoption Counselor for the GTHS for the last 2 years. It has been an eye opening and very rewarding experience. I get to witness joy and happiness as people and pets are united and families made or expanded. But it's not just about the animals. What I didn't expect was that every day that I am there, I also see what a valuable gift the GTHS provides to those in our community that struggle with loneliness and mental health. Families with a child on the autism spectrum who struggles to connect with people, leave with huge smiles (and some happy tears) because their child has found a dear supportive companion and is smiling too. I have seen lonely seniors spend the afternoon in the cat room with a purring cat on their lap and the opportunity to talk and connect with people. I have seen teenage volunteers find a safe haven where they are accepted for who they are with no judgement. It is truly a magical place and I believe vital to the health and well

being of our whole community.

Please support this agreement. It's an investment in what makes our town a truly exceptional place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Simmonds

Volunteer GTHS Adoptions Counselor



From: [Larry Bacon](#)
To: [Clerk's Distribution List](#)
Subject: Please Support the GTHS Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement
Date: Friday, May 23, 2025 9:48:19 AM

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Our family actively supports the GTHS financially and by volunteering, and we have accessed their services for feral cat neutering/splay purposes and for finding forever homes for numerous stray cats that have showed up at our property.

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Sincerely,

Larry Bacon

From: [linda.joel.thompson](mailto:linda.joel.thompson@collingwood.ca)
To: [Clerk's Distribution List](#)
Subject: Please Support the GTHS Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement
Date: Saturday, May 24, 2025 3:39:10 PM

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Sincerely,
Linda Joel-Thompson



Collingwood

From: [Monika Merz](#)
To: [Clerk's Distribution List](#)
Subject: Please support the GTHS Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement
Date: Sunday, May 25, 2025 11:09:04 AM

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Many years ago, I first started supporting Animal Welfare in the region when I was made aware of a serious feral cat population issue and was concerned that there were no facilities to deal with lost and abandoned animals.

This transitioned into supporting the building of the current GTHS location, becoming a volunteer and chairing the Walk For Pets for 3 years and finally as a Board Director and now Interim Board Chair supporting the badly needed new facility.

I have continued my support as over the years the GTHS has continued to respond to the needs of the community through expansion of the services it offers.

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Before I retired, I lived and worked in Japan and Asia for 9 years and experienced many communities where there were no Humane Facilities to care for lost, abandoned and abused animals but had to rely on the kindness of strangers and compassionate locals.

I have been encouraged by the response of the GTHS in expanding its services especially with the spay and neuter program that deals with ensuring that there are not more abandoned and unwanted animals

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Sincerely,

Monika Merz
Interim Board Chair GTHS
Sent from my iPad

May 22, 2025

Dear Mayor Hamlin and Members of Council,

We are writing as proud supporters of the Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS).

We adopted our Great Dane, Goofy, from the GTHS on April 17, 2023. She has been, hands down, the best dog we ever could have asked for. She is gentle with humans (including children) and animals alike. We are so happy that she was at the GTHS and that she is now a loving member of our family. The GTHS took wonderful care of her. The compassion and care that they have for the animals is unmatched. The staff, the volunteers and everyone we met throughout the adoption process were exceptional.

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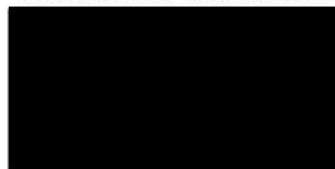
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Sincerely,



Monica & Paul Monczka



From: [Mariane Nogueira](#)
To: [Clerk's Distribution List](#)
Subject: Correspondence to Council - Please Support the GTHS Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement
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The GTHS has directly contributed to my own mental health and my family's happiness when we adopted our first pet in 2018, who has brought immense joy into our lives! It also sparked my desire to give back to the community and in 2023 I became a foster volunteer and have helped many cats in need since. This institution and its staff members have a great impact in our community and my complete support.

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Sincerely,

Mariane Nogueira-Ferreira
GTHS Foster Volunteer

From: [Patricia Allen](#)
To: [Clerk's Distribution List](#)
Subject: Please Support the GTHS Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement
Date: Friday, May 23, 2025 8:42:10 AM

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I know people who have adopted dogs from GTHS and have had their lives enriched. GTHS provides a valuable service to residence of Collingwood. I may adopt our next dog from GTHS.

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Sincerely,

Patricia Allen


Sent from my iPad

From: [Paulette De Silva](#)
To: [Clerk's Distribution List](#)
Subject: Subject: Please Support the GTHS Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement
Date: Sunday, May 25, 2025 4:16:25 PM

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As a volunteer at the GTHS, I am privileged to see firsthand how our amazing animal centre cares for and saves the lives of many 1000's of cats & dogs; GTHS provides a safe & loving environment that ensures the animals will in due course, find a loving home. This enriches the lives of our animals, as well as the adoptor who is taking them home to share their lives with them. In order to continue the amazing work that the centre provides, it's important to receive the support and financial benefits from the town in agreeing to the MCFA with the Georgian Triangle Humane Society.

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Sincerely,

Paulette De Silva, [REDACTED]
GTHS Cat Adoption Councillor/ PAWS donation program



Mayor Hamlin and Members of Council

Town of Collingwood

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Our son has adopted rescue dogs twice from the GTHS, and both have added a lot of enjoyment to our whole family's life. And my wife has volunteered at the GTHS and found it to be a very rewarding experience.

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Paul Moloughney

From: [Ron Ing](#)
To: [Clerk's Distribution List](#)
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I know of many pets and citizens of the Collingwood community that have mutually benefitted from adopting great pets in need of a loving home from GTHS. This is a vital service and facility that is much needed in a this great growing and thriving community.

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Ron Ing



From: [Joan Ramsay](#)
To: [Clerk's Distribution List](#)
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I have been volunteering with the GTHS for three years, looking after dogs that are in the care of the GTHS at the current shelter and fostering dogs in my home. Last year I had the once in a lifetime experience of having a pregnant foster dog give birth to ~~ten~~ puppies in my home, just hours after she arrived. The staff at the GTHS said that she likely felt safe after being a stray. Fortunately all of the puppies and the mom each found their forever homes with the assistance of staff and volunteers from the GTHS.

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Yours truly,

Joan Ramsay


From: [Susan Ellsworth](#)
To: [Clerk's Distribution List](#)
Subject: Please Support the GTHS Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement
Date: Friday, May 23, 2025 9:16:45 AM

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Through my volunteer work, I have seen the difference that the GTHS can make to vulnerable animals. Compassion for animals is a sign of a civilized society.

Please support this agreement. It's an investment in what makes our town a truly exceptional place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,

Susan Ellsworth

GTHS volunteer and donor

From: [Sarah](#)
To: [Clerk's Distribution List](#)
Subject: municipal capital facilities agreement and GTHS
Date: Friday, May 23, 2025 5:31:40 PM

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Through programs like affordable veterinary care, pet food banks, and humane education, GTHS not only improves animal welfare but also strengthens the social fabric of the region. By promoting responsible pet ownership and offering support during times of crisis, GTHS helps build a healthier, more connected, and compassionate community for all.

Please support this agreement.

Sincerely,

Sarah Jeanneault

From: [Teri Oosterhoff](#)
To: [Clerk's Distribution List](#)
Subject: Correspondence to Council - Please Support the GTHS Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement
Date: Sunday, May 25, 2025 2:20:30 PM

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Animals, especially cats and dogs, are members of our family, and deserve our help and care

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Sincerely,

Teri Oosterhoff

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From: [Veronica Onyskiw](#)
To: [Clerk's Distribution List](#)
Subject: Please Support the GTHS Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement
Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 4:39:11 PM

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Veronica Onyskiw



From: [Kristin Holmes](#)
To: [Clerk's Distribution List](#)
Subject: Please Support the GTHS Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement
Date: Sunday, May 25, 2025 3:38:27 PM

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Dear Mayor Hamlin and Members of Council,

I'm writing today in strong support of the Georgian Triangle Humane Society's request for a Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement with the Town of Collingwood.

I understand that a staff report is currently being prepared to explore the feasibility of this agreement. As someone who works closely with the GTHS, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my wholehearted support for this important step and speak to the incredible value it would bring to our community.

For the past three years, I've had the privilege of working at the GTHS, and during that time, I've seen firsthand the extraordinary impact this organization has on the lives of both animals and people. From emergency shelter for vulnerable pets to outreach programs that support individuals facing crisis, the work happening at the GTHS is nothing short of essential.

There is no doubt in my mind that our community needs the new Regional Centre for Pets and People. This facility will expand access to critical programs and provide inclusive, welcoming spaces that foster well-being, compassion, and connection for Collingwood residents of all ages.

Entering into a Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement would help lessen the financial burden on the GTHS - allowing the organization to direct more resources toward serving even more pets and people in need. This is a meaningful opportunity for the Town to support local infrastructure that strengthens the social fabric of Collingwood for years to come.

Thank you for considering this request. Your support would go a long way in helping ensure that Collingwood continues to be a community where animals are protected, people are supported, and compassion leads the way.

Warm regards,

Kristin Holmes (she/her)
Director of Development & Communications

Georgian Triangle Humane Society

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For Distribution to Mayor Hamlin & Members of Council,

Mayor Hamlin & Members of Council

Town of Collingwood

We are following up on GTHS' request of the Town for their continued support of GTHS by way of a Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement (MCFA) for the development of its proposed Regional Centre for Pets & People.

By way of background, we note that a previous municipal council had the foresight to not only understand the then needs of the community for a formal shelter facility on Town land but also the need for on-going support of the shelter by way of a municipal shelter operational arrangement. Not only was this facility constructed on Town land and thus saving GTHS land acquisition costs, GTHS was also exempted from many municipal fees and charges at that time allowing for the facility to become what it is today - a community facility that provides humane care to our pets. We need not remind Council that our pets become part of our family and make significant contributions to the social well being of many, many people in our community - this is seen on the streets and trails, in our parks and dog parks where we see the involvement of people from all social levels (we have met some of the nicest people in the Town at our dog parks). Without the Town's on-going support being extended to the construction and operation of the Regional Centre for Pets & People, the very sustainability of a shelter in our community may be in question. In our opinion, a humane shelter is required in our community if we continue to aspire to be a complete community.

We are aware of many municipalities in Ontario that have entered into MCFAs for community identified needs, and we submit that it has been demonstrated and clearly evident that a Regional Centre for People and Pets is a community need. Many Town documents identify the Town's vision to be a regional centre and a complete community, the support of GTHS' request would go a long way towards demonstrating this Council's support of these visions and will demonstrate to future residents this Council's foresight to understand the current and future needs of the community.

The media coverage to-date has identified this Council's and Town staff's financial angst in supporting GTHS' request related to a MCFA as well as concerns that the Town is "over providing" financial support in comparison to the other municipalities in GTHS's service area. We submit that what is being requested is extremely modest, will have little impact

on the Town's financial sustainability/viability, that the Town cannot go backwards in terms of humane care and that this Town Council should focus on its vision and what it can do and not concern itself with what other municipalities may do. In addition, we proudly note that the results of our outreach in terms of GTHS' request is 100% supported by those Town residents that we have touched base with.

We respectfully request that this Council demonstrate its leadership by supporting GTHS' request for a MCFA.

Thank you,

David & Deborah Finbow

Please excuse any typos and/or grammatical errors as this email may have been dictated, but not necessarily read.