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Property: 75 Ormond Street South, Thorold

Sent Via Email to: Ann-Marie.Norio@niagararegion.ca

Ann-Marie Norio Regional Clerk Office of the Regional Clerk 1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

Dear Ms. Norio:

Re: Request for Extensions to Niagara Region Incentive Programs

On behalf of the owner of 75 Ormond Street in Thorold, I am writing to express our strong support for extending the Smart Growth brownfield incentive program. By providing financial incentives for the cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated sites, we can transform neglected areas into vibrant, sustainable spaces that not only enhance local economies but also improve the quality of life for residents.

With respect to the 75 Ormond Street project, the program has been instrumental in reducing the risks associated with brownfield redevelopment, enabling us to take a project that might otherwise be deemed too risky or financially unfeasible. We believe the brownfield incentive program is critical to the success of our project.

Moreover, extending this program aligns with broader goals of environmental sustainability and community resilience. Investing in brownfield redevelopment not only mitigates environmental hazards but also promotes green building practices and job creation. The increased property values and tax revenues generated from these projects further support local governments and contribute to essential public services. By continuing the brownfield incentive program, we can ensure that we are not only addressing current economic and environmental challenges but also paving the way for future growth and development in our communities.

We would like to request that Council support the Committee of a Whole decision, requesting the Niagara Region to extend the expiration deadlines for Niagara Region's Incentive Programs for a period of three years to October 1st, 2027. Thank you for considering this vital extension; it is crucial for fostering sustainable and equitable urban development.

Yours truly,

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