



Economic Development & Tourism Services

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Mrs. Valerie Kuhns
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Dear Mrs. Kuhns:

Re: Long Term Regional Economic Development Strategy

On January 15th, 2020 at the Regional Planning and Economic Development Committee, a motion was moved by Mayor Sendzik and seconded by Mayor Redekop regarding the creation of a long term economic development strategy for Niagara region. This is one of Regional Council's Strategic Priorities under the theme of "Supporting Businesses and Economic Growth". The motion, which passed, was worded as follows:

*"That the Director of Economic Development **BE DIRECTED** to engage the Lower Tier Municipal Economic Development offices respecting a ten year strategy including funding and resources allocation and provide a report back respecting these discussions".*

Following our meeting with you on Thursday February 20th, this letter confirms the commitment by the Town of Fort Erie, Economic Development & Tourism Services and the Mayor to be engaged in the development of a longer term economic development strategy for Niagara region. In working together, the objective is to ensure that Niagara achieves strong and sustainable economic growth, across all municipalities, by building on its strengths, as well as anticipating and adapting to disruptive change.

Yours very truly,



Wayne H. Redekop
Mayor



Caralee Grummett
Manager, Economic Development & Tourism Services

Cc: Council
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