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Subject: Request for Letter of Support - Jones Bridge Pedestrian Trail Bridge Project

Mayor Maureen:

Thanks so much to you and your council for the amazing and continuing support for the community project to add more safety to the South Huron Trail through the addition of a proposed new pedestrian trail bridge.

As the community working group meets with donors and prepares grant applications to assist with funding to make the bridge possible, we are looking for letters of support. Would it be possible to get a letter of support from you on behalf of the Municipality of South Huron?

Some sample words are below – let me know what you think.

Thanks again!

SAMPLE LETTER OF SUPPORT:

The Municipality of South Huron has made a multi-year financial commitment to the community project to create a new pedestrian trail bridge that will give residents of this community, and visitors to our community, an alternative to walking along vehicle traffic on Morrison Line in order to enjoy the two beautiful natural sections of the popular South Huron Trail.

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation, working with the Jones Bridge Pedestrian Trail Bridge Community Working Group and with Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority and with other municipal and community partners, in their work to support this much-needed community addition which will be a bridge to a safer and more active community.

The Municipality of South Huron, the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation, service clubs, volunteers, and generous community donors are among the organizations and individuals who are part of this community partnership initiative.

A 2012 survey of people who use the MacNaughton-Morrison and Morrison Dam sections of the South Huron Trail finds that trail lovers are coming from local areas as well as from outside the area. This audience research showed how people enjoy the peacefulness of the trail as well as the health and recreation benefits it brings. The proposed pedestrian trail bridge will add even more health, recreation, and safety benefits.

Many people have shared how the recreation opportunities along the South Huron Trail help them to be active, stay fit, and even manage health issues better. The addition of a new pedestrian bridge will make it possible for more people to be more active and also to be safer as they enjoy the trail.

I would like to thank you for your kind consideration of support for the Jones Bridge Pedestrian Trail Bridge project which will provide health, safety, and recreation benefits to the thousands of people who enjoy the MacNaughton-Morrison and Morrison Dam Conservation Area sections of the South Huron Trail and the thousands of visitors who visit the area to enjoy the trail and accompanying attractions and amenities.

Thanks,

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