

May 8, 2018 W.7.16.5

Municipality of South Huron c/o Maureen Cole, Mayor 322 Main Street South P.O. Box 759 Exeter, ON NOM 1S6

Adelaide Metcalfe

Dear Mayor Cole and Council,

Bluewater

Central Huron

Huron East

Lambton Shores

Lucan Biddulph

Middlesex Centre

North Middlesex

Perth South

South Huron

Warwick

West Perth

As a follow up to the letter sent to council on July 5, 2017, ABCA is seeking a letter of support from the Municipality of South Huron for the <u>Yellow Fish Road</u> program, developed by Trout Unlimited Canada. This environmental awareness program helps Canadians understand that storm drains are doorways to our streams, rivers and lakes. Preventing pollutants from entering our storm drains is critical to protecting water quality, aquatic habitat and our watersheds. In order to proceed with this project, a written letter of permission is required from the Municipality of South Huron.

The Yellow Fish Road™ program consists of two parts. The first involves painting a yellow fish on the curb beside storm drains. The second part involves distributing door hangers to educate residents about what the yellow fish means, and about the proper disposal of unwanted chemicals, paints and oil.

In addition to clean water and healthy habitats, this program supports community involvement and helps them take action. The 1st Exeter Scouts have just marked a total of 23 drains in and around the Youth Centre. ABCA would like to continue to deliver this program in Huron Park with students from Stephen Central on May 31. Also we would like to mark some drains as part ABCA's WILD Nature Camp this summer during the week of August 6. This activity will help educate Exeter and South Huron residents about stormwater pollution and would also be a benefit towards the Communities in Bloom initiative.

If approved, we would require the municipality's assistance in identifying the location of storm drains. Painting supplies and door hangers have been provided through the *Yellow Fish Road*TM program. If requested, the *Yellow Fish Road*TM program can add the municipality to its insurance policy.

It would also be beneficial to notify residents through a summer newsletter. ABCA would be happy to provide a small article and picture for your publication. We also hope to get an article in the Exeter Times Advocate.

If there are any questions regarding the *Yellow Fish Road™* program, please give me a call at 519-235-2610 or e-mail me at <u>diszczuk@abca.on.ca</u>

Sincerely,

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