



MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH HURON
322 Main Street South, Exeter ON N0M 1S6

RE: COMMUNITY GRANT - STATUS REPORT

Dear Ms. Becker,

In 2017, the Exeter BIA was the recipient of the South Huron Community Grant Program. We received funding for two initiatives, which are outlined below.

South Huron Welcome Centre

The Municipality supported our request of \$6,000.00 (1/3 of the rental cost) to be a shared partner in the South Huron Welcome Centre with the Exeter BIA and South Huron Chamber of Commerce. The Municipality's portion specifically covers the tourism and heritage elements of the shared space.

This partnership allows us to serve approximately 800 people annually. Visitors including travel writers and tourists in search of the famous write squirrels, good restaurants and shops, art and historical information, employment and new resident information and much more. Staff members at the Town Hall continually send visitors and new residents to the Welcome Centre for support and assistance.

We believe this is a worthwhile partnership for the Municipality that provides services to both visitors and residents. We would like to see this become an ongoing operating expense in the future.

Main Street Bridge Flower Boxes

The Community Grant program also supported the purchase of 12 new self-watering bridge flower boxes and brackets to attach to the bridge rails. The BIA Manager worked directly with Municipal staff to design and order the units that were installed in early June. However, about a month and a half after being installed, the bridge flowers were vandalized. The boxes themselves are still in good condition, but the flowers in the boxes were ruined. It was agreed that the bridge boxes would be removed for the remainder of the 2017 season because it was too costly to replace the flowers. We will be working with Municipal staff to come up with a solution to limit the chances of vandalism again in the future.

We sincerely thank the Municipality of South Huron for supporting these initiatives and look forward to our continued collaborative efforts to make Exeter and South Huron a more vibrant, prosperous community!

Sincerely,

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