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Good afternoon Rebecca,

I'm writing to confirm that it is our respectful request that the above-noted draft County OPA proceed to County Council for consideration at the earliest opportunity in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act. Considerable time and effort has gone into bringing this matter forward at the County level and there is value in bringing it to a conclusion in a timely manner. The proposed incorporation of CIP policies to allow the County to participate in matching grant programs of local municipalities Industrial CIPs is an important means of bring our region into a competitive framework with other regions. Given the time that has passed since the original request from Tecumseh (June 2022), we are hopeful that this matter may be brought to a favorable conclusion sooner than later.

With that being said, the Town would support the County if it were to initiate a process to expand its CIP policies to support other local municipal CIP incentives (e.g. affordable housing). However, I believe more work needs to be completed to fully consider the implications of such an expanded policy and therefore more time is required. The Town therefore requests that the current County OPA intended to incorporate supportive Industrial CIP policies into the County Official Plan proceed expeditiously to County Council for its consideration and that a separate process be initiated to consider a further amendment to the County Official Plan for other CIP incentivized initiatives (e.g. affordable housing, agricultural related business grant support etc.). Alternatively, and assuming the New County Official Plan process is advancing quickly enough, such expanded CIP policies could be considered through that process. We would support either process.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts on this important file. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate contacting me.

Regards,

Brian.

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