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Kawartha Lakes Economic Recovery Task Force

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Dear Members:

Re: Mill Pond Bridge Replacement Omemee

Thank you for serving on the Economic Recovery Task Force. This is an important task force to help our communities recover economically and feel inclusive to the decision process during this pandemic.

I am writing today to seek your endorsement of a critical capital infrastructure project in Omemee. First if I can quote a paragraph from our city web page describing the purpose and mission of this task force.

"The Economic Recovery Task Force is focused on stimulating local economic and business recovery, across three strategic areas: critical infrastructure investments, planning and development stimulus and business recovery and support"

The Mill Pond Bridge (or more commonly referred to as the Omemee Mary St Bridge) has been closed to vehicular traffic since 2019. This critical infrastructure project did not make it to the 2020 Capital Budget for replacement. I am confident that 2021 will be the year that it is rebuilt for the village with it being passed in our capital budget.

I would therefore respectfully ask for you to receive and endorse this critical infrastructure investment for the village of Omemee. The Task Force's endorsement will go a long way in recognizing the needs of our smaller communities especially Omemee and give that economic boost and recognition that it needs at this time.

Yours Truly:

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