

September 20, 2024

**Rebecca Mustard, Manager, Economic Development  
Development Services, City of Kawartha Lakes**

**Re: Letter of Support – Partnership on Rural Economic Development (RED)  
Funding Project**

On behalf of Peterborough County, I am pleased to confirm our strong support and willingness to partner on the ongoing Rural Economic Development (RED) funding project that is currently held by Peterborough & The Kawarthas Economic Development (PKED). We are supportive of the transfer of the RED funding from PKED to the City of Kawartha Lakes as we recognize the significant potential this initiative has to enhance local economic growth, particularly in rural areas, and we are fully committed to advancing this important work in collaboration with our partners at the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Peterborough County is eager to formalize our role in the RED funding agreement with the province. As this process has progressed, we remain committed to contributing to the success of this project. To this end, we will assign appropriate staff who will work closely with City of Kawarthas Economic Development and all relevant producers and buyers to ensure the project's objectives are met efficiently and effectively.

We look forward to continuing our partnership and achieving shared success in driving rural economic development in our region.

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you require any further information or clarification.

Regards,



Sheridan Graham

c.c. Rhonda Keenen, PKED

Jasbir Raina, CAO, City of Peterborough