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Municipalities abutting the Shoreline of Georgian Bay & Lake Huron

Attention: Wardens, Mayors & Respective Councils

Re: Preservation / Restoration of the Nottawasaga Lighthouse

During the meeting of Council held February 3, 2014, Council of the Town of Collingwood unanimously passed the following resolution to work with the Nottawasaga Lighthouse Preservation Society in efforts to preserve and restore the Nottawasaga Lighthouse located in Collingwood along the shore of Georgian Bay:

WHEREAS the Nottawasaga Lighthouse is an important heritage asset located in Georgian Bay currently under the ownership of the Federal Government;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Collingwood and Heritage Advisory Committee, support the work being undertaken by the Nottawasaga Lighthouse Preservation Society, and recognize the significant deterioration of the building and associated cost to return the building to its previous stature;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Collingwood herein petition the Federal Government, with the assistance of local MP Dr. Kellie Leitch, to financially assist for the Nottawasaga Lighthouse Preservation Society to preserve and restore the Nottawasaga Lighthouse through any applicable grants, funding programs, or partnership opportunities to ensure the viability of this historical feature within our region;

AND FURTHER THAT Council permit the Nottawasaga Lighthouse Preservation Society to be included as an additional insured on the Town's Insurance Policy, at no additional cost to the Town or the organization, for the purpose of conducting the

necessary inspections and structural assessment of the lighthouse as required by the Federal Government;

AND FURTHER THAT Council permit access to the municipal account established by Marion Sandell for the preservation of the lighthouse, for charitable donation purposes, until the Nottawasaga Lighthouse Preservation Society formalize their charitable status;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to municipalities abutting Georgian Bay and Lake Huron, and the Town of the Blue Mountains, County of Simcoe and County of Grey for support.

The Nottawasaga Lighthouse Preservation Society has been extremely active within the community, recognizing the historical significance of this particular lighthouse. It was first lit in 1858, as one of the six Imperial Towers erected along the Great Lakes and acted as one of the most important navigational aids within this area.

Over the years this lighthouse has deteriorated significantly. The Nottawasaga Lighthouse Preservation Society, with the support of the Town of Collingwood, is requesting federal approval to undertake a full inspection of the lighthouse to determine the state of disrepair and cost to restore the lighthouse. The Town of Collingwood will be working with our local MP, Kellie Leitch, to petition the Federal Government to seek funding opportunities to assist in the restoration of historically significant lighthouses, such as the Nottawasaga Lighthouse, as the cost to repair these lighthouses can be quite significant.

The Town of Collingwood requests your support in petitioning the Federal Government, with the assistance of your local MP, to provide funding opportunities to municipalities wishing to restore these historical landmarks along the Great lakes, and support the efforts to restore the Nottawasaga Lighthouse that is enjoyed by many travellers along Georgian Bay.

Yours truly,

TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD



Sandra Cooper
Mayor

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cc. Nottawasaga Lighthouse Preservation Society