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Dear Warden McQueen and Council,

The Nottawasaga Lighthouse Preservation Society (NLPS) continues to work with the Canadian Department of Fisheries, Oceans and Coast Guard (DFO) to acquire and restore the Nottawasaga Lighthouse. As you know this important historical structure is uniquely situated on a small island on Southern Georgian Bay off shore of both the Town of the Blue Mountains and Town of Collingwood.

In the fall of 2016, approval was given to the NLPS by DFO to wrap the tower in order to prevent any further degradation stemming from water penetration to the interior. While the inner core of the tower remains structurally sound, the structure had continued to deteriorate from its constant exposure to rain, wind and other weather elements. Remedial work performed by the government in 2006 to stabilize things has long surpassed its intended life. Wrapping the structure was viewed by our engineer as crucial in preventing further decay potentially rendering the structure beyond any hope of feasible restoration.

We continue to work with the federal government to assume ownership of lighthouse, while we continue our efforts to raise the necessary restoration funds. As you can imagine, COVID-19 has certainly put a damper on any meaningful fund-raising efforts.

We are writing to you to request an up to date letter of support for our organization. The endorsement of our organization by the nearby municipalities combined with support from the community at large will greatly assist us in demonstrating the overwhelming desire that exists to save this endangered piece of Canadian history.

On behalf of our Board of Directors we thank you in advance for your consideration in issuing a written endorsement of our efforts and we look forward to advancing the cause of restoring and preserving this iconic landmark for all Canadians.

Sincerely,

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