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The Honourable Ted McMeekin
Minister, Municipal Affairs & Housing
17th Floor
777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

Re: Municipal Management Internship Program

On behalf of the Town of The Blue Mountains, please note the following resolution passed by Council on November 9, 2015:

Moved by: Michael Seguin Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from the Municipality of Meaford expressing its support for the County's correspondence to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting reinstatement of the Municipal Management Internship Program;

AND THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the reinstatement of the Municipal Management Internship Program, and direct that the Mayor send a letter of support to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, **CARRIED.**

We believe this program addresses the critical need to attract and develop the next generation of municipal leaders. These interns gained valuable hands on experience across a variety of municipal business lines. Many interns have gone on to successful municipal careers in leadership roles in Ontario's communities. These were well-structured internships with clear outcomes and appropriate pay, which modeled best practices in internship management. We hope the province will reconsider their position on funding this program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John McKean".

Mayor John McKean
The Town of The Blue Mountains

cc Municipality of Meaford
 County of Grey