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Selection Committee
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Community Efficiency Financing
24 Clarence Street
Ottawa, ON K1N 5P3

Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for Dufferin County's application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Community Efficiency Financing Fund. As a local municipality in Dufferin County, Township of East Garafraxa is committed to supporting initiatives that promote energy affordability and combat climate change, and we believe that the BetterHomes Dufferin program will help us achieve these goals.

BetterHomes Dufferin is an important initiative that will provide financial assistance to homeowners in Dufferin County who wish to make energy-efficient upgrades to their homes. By reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the residential sector, we can move closer to achieving our community's net-zero targets and support energy affordability.

We understand that Dufferin County has already committed \$3.75 million in loan funds to support the program, and we are pleased to express our willingness to use our Local Improvement Charge (LIC) Mechanism as the method of recovering the loans from homeowners. We recognize that this mechanism is a proven and effective way of recovering the cost of loans while ensuring that homeowners can make the necessary energy efficiency upgrades.

We believe that the BetterHomes Dufferin program will benefit both residents and the environment, and we are proud to join with Dufferin County in supporting this initiative. We hope that our letter of support will help demonstrate the broad-based community support for the program and aid in the successful approval of the application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Community Efficiency Financing Fund.

Thank you for your consideration of our letter of support. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter C. Avgoustis", is written over a blue horizontal line.

Peter C. Avgoustis, MPA, MSc
Chief Administrative Officer
Township of East Garafraxa