

September 2, 2019

Rural Economic Development Program
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs
1 Stone Road West
4th Floor, NW
Guelph, ON
N1G 4Y2

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Letter of Support for the Township of Scugog to apply for RED Funding

On behalf of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to support the Township of Scugog in their application for Rural Economic Development Funding (RED) Funding to rehabilitate the Port Perry Grain Elevator (aka the Old Mill).

With over 255 members, the Scugog Chamber of Commerce supports businesses from a variety of sectors across the Township of Scugog and the Region. Our members share a common interest and pride in the community working together to make Scugog a better place in which to work and live. We are pleased to see the Township of Scugog recognizing the historical and cultural significance of the Old Mill by taking steps to invest in and preserve this iconic structure for future use.

The rehabilitation of the Old Mill will provide a restored, historic space for businesses, visitors and residents to enjoy and prosper in. It will also support the local economy by creating jobs and attracting visitors to the area. We are actively involved in both the Tourism Advisory Committee and the Economic Development Advisory Committee and host the "Visitor & Business Centre" in the Township of Scugog. The Scugog Chamber of Commerce recognizes the importance of working together to move initiatives forward in tourism and economic development in Scugog.

We hope you will take the time to seriously consider the Township of Scugog's application for this important funding. This project has the potential for Region and Province wide economic development impacts. We are excited for the opportunities it can provide for our members and the community.

Sincerely,



Tony Janssen
Chair
Scugog Chamber of Commerce