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Town of Lockeport
Municipality of the District of Shelburne

Dear Mayor Nickerson & Warden Smith,

On behalf of the Town of Shelburne Council, I am writing to propose a postponement of the discussions regarding consolidation between our respective units: the Town of Lockeport and the Municipality of the District of Shelburne.

While Council is indeed interested in engaging in discussions regarding the potential benefits and challenges of consolidation, we have reviewed and deliberated upon our current circumstances. Given the impending elections and the urgent nature of our high-priority projects, we believe it is prudent not to rush into the process of consolidation.

Consolidating our three units is a significant undertaking that requires careful consideration and ample time investment, particularly in navigating the initial stages of the process. Therefore, we are of the opinion that it would be more sensible to defer our discussions until after the conclusion of the election and the new councils are in place.

We want to emphasize that this decision to propose postponing the initial consolidation discussions was not made lightly by Council. However, it seems more reasonable to commence discussions with the new councils in place. Given that the new councils may comprise a majority of new members, there may be a necessity for an educational and training component to acquaint them with the intricacies of consolidation deliberations before delving into the benefits and challenges.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require further clarification regarding our proposal.

Sincerely,

Harold Locke

Mayor, Town of Shelburne