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City of Gloucester
Mayor Paul Lundberg and Members of Council
9 Dale Avenue
Gloucester, MA 01930

Dear Mayor Lundberg and Members of Council,

On behalf of Council and the residents of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, please accept our deepest condolences following the tragic loss of the crew aboard the fishing vessel *Lily Jean*.

As a coastal community shaped by the sea and sustained by the fishing industry, we know that such a loss is felt far beyond a single harbour. It is shared by families, fellow fishers, and by coastal communities everywhere who understand the risks, sacrifices, and deep bonds that come with a life on the water. When tragedy strikes at sea, we all mourn; our grief is not bound by borders.

Our thoughts are with the families, friends, and colleagues of those affected, and with the entire Gloucester community during this time of sorrow. Please know that the people of Shelburne stand with you in shared grief and solidarity, holding you close in our hearts as you navigate this difficult loss.

With sincere sympathy,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Penny Smith".

Warden Penny Smith
On behalf of Council and
Residents of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne

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