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The Municipality of Brockton
100 Scott Street
Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0

Attention: Chris Peabody, Mayor

Dear Mr. Peabody:

The Cargill and Greenock Swamp Promotional Association (CGSPA) has been working diligently over the past few years to 'Bring History Alive' in the Village of Cargill and many other communities located within the Municipality of Brockton. We have also been committed to creating awareness and appreciation about southern Ontario's single largest forested wetland – the Greenock Swamp, located, of course, within the Municipality and noted far and wide for its natural significance and historical prominence.

Due to placement shortage (building occupancy), within Cargill, the primary focus of the CGSPA, over the past two years, has been on implementing the Greenock Swamp Tours. These tours have been incredibly successful as a both a tourism product and in creating awareness of Brockton's amazing natural history, cultural significance, rich history and the setting of amazing historical structures and attractions.

We will continue to offer the Greenock Swamp Tours throughout 2024 and look forward to a new season of entertainment, education and fun, all the while promoting Brockton's businesses, local talents, charms, etc. It is important to note that all Directors on the Cargill and Greenock Swamp Promotional Association are volunteers. We implement that tours and other events without payment or other reimbursements.

While the tours pay for themselves, any small profit realized is not enough, unfortunately, to cover our annual insurance costs which amount to a little over \$2,000.00. *As such, we are hoping to seek financial assistance from the Municipality of Brockton in the amount of \$2,000.00.* We were truly hoping to be self sufficient by this time, however, it seems that this is not yet possible, especially since we have been unable to operate Margaret's Mercantile, which was quite successful financially.

Please note that, regardless of your decision on this matter, we remain incredibly grateful and indebted to the Municipality of Brockton, its Councilors and staff for their continued support and generosity over the past few years.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Powers
Chair, Cargill and Greenock Swamp Promotional Association