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Subject: Thank you

Dear Mayor Boddy and Councillors

As a Hike Leader for the Bruce Trail, I am always looking for unique hiking opportunities. Last week I organized a hike centered around the Owen Sound Salmon Tour map. We started at the Visitor Information Centre and hiked along the river down to Harrison Park. On our way, we stopped at the Tom Thomson Art Gallery where Aidan Ware gave us a wonderful tour of the latest exhibits including Tom Thomson's Homecoming Exhibition. She was very knowledgeable and it was clear that she loves her job and the city of Owen Sound. We also stopped at the Mill Dam and fish ladder to observe the salmon jumping before we followed them to the park. We carried on to the Grey Sauble Conservation and then to Inglis Falls via the Bruce Trail as the map suggested. The view of Owen Sound from the falls was stunning with the fall colours coming to life. It is a view that never gets old. We then hiked back to Harrison Park where we stopped for lunch at the Inn.

There were 12 people on the hike with 3 coming from as far as Toronto. It was a unique opportunity for us to explore and see the beauty of our city. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the Salmon Tour and were very impressed with the Tom Thomson Art Gallery. Some had never ventured past the doors of the gallery so it was a great opportunity to showcase one of the jewels that the City of Owen Sound has to offer.

There are several individuals I would like to thank for making my hike such a successful venture; so successful that I am going to offer it again next fall. Thank you to the team who came up with the idea of the Owen Sound Salmon Tour and to those responsible for promoting it. Thank you to Pam Coulter for suggesting we stop at the Tom Thomson Art Gallery on our journey. Thank you to Aiden Ware for an informative and enjoyable presentation. And thank you to the people who maintain the sidewalks, dirt walkways and paved trails enroute to the Bruce Trail. These competent and energetic individuals really make a difference!

Sincerely,
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