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Via Email

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## Mayor XXXX EMAIL ADDRESS

Re: Strengthening Collaboration: Support for a Joint Municipal Services Committee

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

I'm reaching out to build on the strong working relationships we've developed across Grey County—at both the County and lower-tier levels—and to ask for your support in creating a Joint Municipal Services Committee at Grey County.

We've already seen the benefits of working together on shared challenges and opportunities. By forming a dedicated committee, we can take that collaboration further, creating a space where larger joint service opportunities can be vetted, refined, and guided before being brought to the Committee of the Whole. This process would bring greater confidence and clarity when initiatives come forward, ensuring they're well-thought-out and aligned with the needs of all municipalities.

The committee could also help us develop a coordinated annual work plan, ensuring we're tackling priorities in a strategic and organized way. This approach would make our efforts more effective, reduce duplication, and create better outcomes for our residents.

This isn't about replacing the great work that's already happening—it's about enhancing it. With clear oversight, consistent communication, and a shared focus, we can strengthen our partnerships, build trust, and deliver long-term benefits for everyone across Grey County.

I intend to propose advancing this opportunity through a notice of motion to the Committee of the Whole on February 13, 2025. I hope your municipality will join me in supporting this initiative.



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Together, we can ensure that our collaboration continues to grow and that we're well-positioned to meet the evolving needs of our communities. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or ideas—I'd be happy to connect further.

Thank you for everything you do to make Grey County such a strong and successful region.

Sincerely,

Ian C. Boddy Mayor, City of Owen Sound

