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David Barrick, CAO Municipality of Thames Centre 4305 Hamilton Road Dorchester, ON NOL 1G3

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Attention: David Barrick & Council

Subject: Municipal Grant

As you may be aware St. Marys and Area Mobility Service provides accessible and volunteer transportation to seniors, those recovering from illness or injury, and people of varying abilities in our community and surrounding area. Providing transportation to medical appointments, adult day programs, social excursions, or to do errands in surrounding communities contributes to independence and improves the quality of life for the individuals we serve. It also provides relief to caregivers who would otherwise provide transportation themselves. We write to thank Council for their financial support toward the ongoing program costs of providing service to residents of Thames Centre.

Financial contribution from Thames Centre to our service, directly impacts the amount of Provincial Gas Tax Dollars we will receive, which could decrease by approximately \$20,000 without Thames Centre's continued support. We have provided over 300 trips for people living in Thames Centre over the past 5 years. Our service is vital for these residents, who rely on easily accessible and affordable transportation.

Enclosed in this package you will find the most recent Financial Statements for St Marys and Area Mobility Service, dated March 31, 2023. Additionally, we have included our most recent Annual Report, to further educate council on our service, and the impact on our community. We encourage your office to contact us with any questions you may have surrounding this application.

Our organization's ability to continue to operate and support clients across our service area is due in large part to your generous financial support and the amount of Provincial Gas Tax we receive. We are incredibly grateful for the support we have received in past years, and hope to continue this partnership.

Sincerely,

**Amber Miners** 

St. Marys & Area Mobility Services Manager

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