

Norfolk County Office of the Mayor



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SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: scor@scorregion.com and kimberly.earls@scorregion.com DRAFT

South Central Ontario Region Economic Development Corporation (SCOR EDC) Kimberly Earls, Executive Director 4 Elm Street Tillsonburg, ON N4G 0C4

Dear Kimberly,

Re: SCOR Regional Shortline Rail Project

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of Norfolk County, please be advised that Council passed the following resolution at the June 21, 2022, Council Meeting:

THAT Report CS-22-128 SCOR Regional Shortline Rail Project be received as information;

AND THAT Council approve a letter of support related to this project as outlined in Attachment 1;

AND THAT upon confirmation that funding for the entire project has been secured, a New Budget Initiative providing the requested grant in the amount of \$5,000 annually for three years be included in the Proposed 2023 Levy Supported Operating Budget for consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT the funding be provided from the tax levy.

The Council of the Corporation of Norfolk County supports the SCOR Regional Shortline Rail Project as this endeavor includes the following benefits:

- 1. Long-term infrastructure investment
- 2. Increased environmental sustainability of transportation
- 3. Sustainable and affordable logistics for businesses and supply chains (reduced car rate)

4. Key piece of Business Retention + Expansion and Business Attraction strategies

Please accept this as a letter of support for the SCOR Regional Shortline Rail Project from the Council of the Corporation of Norfolk. Should you have any questions regarding this matter or should you require additional information, please contact Teresa Olsen, Clerk at <u>519-426-5870</u> x. 1228, or email: <u>Clerks@norfolkcounty.ca</u>

Yours truly,

Kristal Chopp Mayor, Norfolk County

cc: Norfolk County Council