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Attn: Clerk Sara Almas
Town of Collingwood
97 Hurontario Street
Collingwood ON, L9Y 3Z5

Clerk Almas:

Thank you for posting of the public notice with respect to the vacancy of a town council seat. I am providing this brief personal statement of qualifications and interest, which I request be attached to my formal application to fill the council seat until the next election.

As an introduction, my name is David Martin and I was born and raised in Collingwood and spent most of my formative years here until I went off to university and college and settled into a job with the City of Mississauga. I have spent the last 29 years working at the City of Mississauga in various roles within the Transportation & Works Department, Planning & Building Department and Office of the City Clerk. In each of those departments, I have had the opportunity to interact with a wide variety of staff to gain a great understanding of municipal administration and operations. During my almost 18 year in the Office of the City Clerk, my role as Secretary Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment and Manager of Vital Statistics afforded me the opportunity to have interactions with City Council on a regular basis which gave me great insight into the role and responsibilities of a councillor and council.

In addition to my entire career working in the public sector, I have volunteered in each community I have lived in to help give back to that community. The following are examples of my volunteer activities:


- Town of Oakville – Committee of Adjustment (Citizen Member & Chair)
- Town of Amaranth – Economic Development & Sustainability Committee (Member)
- Dufferin County – Dufferin Child and Family Services – (Board Member & Board Chair '20-'21)

Over the next several months leading up to the next municipal election, I understand that the role of the council position will be to continue to ensure that the Town remains operational until the next election in October 2022. I fully understand this role and have committed not to seek office in October as noted in my application form. I have been following the matters and issues before Town Council and feel I can contribute at the Council table for this limited period. Having returned to Collingwood last year to assist my aging parents with some medical issues that have arisen over the past 2 years, I feel

this is a unique opportunity to volunteer for this community, which is my hometown. My parents recently reminded me that March 2022 would be the 40th anniversary of my participation in the Student Mayor Program established by former Mayor Ron Emo. The Student Mayor Program was an exceptional program that seems to have provided a lasting impression and guided my career path towards the public sector.

Thank you again for the opportunity to apply for this significantly important position and should Council determine I am a qualified candidate, I would work hard for the taxpayers of Collingwood and fill the vacant position with a knowledge and demeanor that is commensurate of the position as councillor.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David Martin