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RE: Council Statement on Combating Discrimination and Fostering Inclusion

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Welcoming Communities Grey Bruce would like to commend the Mayor and Council of Georgian Bluffs for your release stating "Georgian Bluffs is committed to working with community organizations, stakeholders, and local leaders to combat discrimination and ensure we are a safe place for all."

Welcoming Communities Grey Bruce (WCGB), Grey Bruce Settlement Services, and the Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership (GBLIP) conducted presentations to your staff and council members in June of 2022. This joint presentation provided information on the programs, supports and agencies promoting tolerance and equity along with policy development suggestions that were available to your staff and communities in Georgian Bluffs.

WCGB would now like to offer again to assist your new council members and staff the opportunity to fulfill your statement "committed to working with community organizations, stakeholders, and local leaders" in the development and continuing process of creating tolerance and equitable practices with your municipal council members. We understand that you have similarly been approached by the GBLIP.

We encourage your staff and council members to reach out to our two organizations to support your growth and involvement in defeating discrimination, encouraging tolerance and creating equitable environments for new comers, immigrants and diverse community groups throughout the municipality of Georgian Bluffs.

Regards,

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