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December 20, 2021

Municipality of Wawa  
40 Broadway Avenue  
Wawa, ON  
POS 1K0  
Attn: Mayor & Council

**RE: Letter of Interest – Council Vacancy Position**

Dear Mayor Tait & Council,

Please accept this letter of interest for the vacant council position declared at the December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Special Council Meeting. As a long-time resident of Wawa with an interest in municipal politics, I feel that I have a background that will positively contribute to Municipal Council.

Please find below a summary of related experience, both academic and lived:

- Graduate of Laurentian University – Bachelor of Business Administration (Hons) and currently completing a Post-Graduate Certificate in Real Estate Valuation at the University of British Columbia (UBC).
- Employed as a Senior Consultant – Indigenous Relations for Bell Canada and part-time as an AIC Candidate with Boreal Appraisal Services.
- My academic and employment background provide me with a strong background in financial management, familiarity with the Municipal Act, the Planning Act, and provide me with a high-level of political acuity.
- Demonstrated Indigenous peoples cultural and business awareness; Member of Wikwemikong First Nation with strong familial ties to Michipicoten First Nation with a commitment to reconciliation.
- Experienced economic development practitioner, with over 15 years working experience in community development, including previous municipal experience with the Township of Dubreuilville. Chair of the Superior East Community Futures Development Corporation and 2019 Recipient of the Community Futures Ontario Award for Excellence in Innovation.
- 2012 Delegate & Alumni Member of the Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference Theme: Leadership & Sustainable Communities.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. I look forward to the possibility of serving my community as a new Municipal Councillor.

Warm Regards,

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Melanie Pilon

C.C. Mrs. Cathy Cyr, Clerk