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Public Statement from The Township of Hornepayne

The Township of Hornepayne wishes to address and respond to recent concerns raised by comments made on social media, which Councillor Ted Scheniman endorsed and agreed with. These remarks do not reflect the Township nor the principles and values that our municipal government stands by.

The Township condemns the homophobic and prejudicial statements made on social media with respect to the Township's recent Pride Proclamation, as well as Councillor Ted Scheniman's support of these statements. The Township reiterates our commitment to cultivating an inclusive and supportive community environment. These remarks are grossly inconsistent with the values that the Township fervently upholds.

In line with our celebration of Pride Month this June, the Township demonstrates its steadfast support for the 2SLGBTQI+ community. Pride Month is a profound celebration of diversity, acceptance, and unity within our community and the Province of Ontario. The Township reaffirms its commitment to the following guiding principles, which are integral to our community:

Diversity: We embrace varied perspectives and are dedicated to fostering an environment that respects all individuals.

Collaboration: The Township is committed to working in partnership with community members and stakeholders to enhance collective well-being.

Communication: We uphold transparency and openness in all our interactions to build and maintain trust.

Community Development: Our initiatives are directed towards enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

Natural Environment: The Township values and is committed to protecting the natural landscapes that define Hornepayne.

The Township, alongside the Mayor and Council, remains dedicated to promoting these principles and ensuring that our community is characterized by respect and dignity for all individuals. We appreciate the ongoing support from our residents in reinforcing these shared values.

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