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To: Andrea Fisher <afisher@goderich.ca>

Subject: Request for Goderich Town Council

Dear Goderich Town Council,

The Huron Women's Shelter has recently been invited to join/partner with the Women's Sexual Assault Centre Renfrew Counties (WSAC), We Stand with Survivors Campaign (WSWS). This campaign is the foundational component of a model that was created by WSAC for women who are survivors of sexual violence in rural communities. It is the direct result of hundreds of interviews with survivors who stated that they wanted an awareness campaign that focused on them, as they stated they didn't feel seen, heard or believed in their rural communities. WSAC Renfrew Counties response included the creation of a professionally designed street banner, stating "We Stand with Survivors" that would hang annually during the month of May (Sexual Assault Awareness month) in local communities in Renfrew County. 2023 is the 5th year for this campaign and there will be 5 banners hanging across Renfrew County in the communities of Eganville, Pembroke, Arnprior, Chalk River and Petawawa this May. Due to the tremendous success of this campaign, WSAC is now partnering with other Violence against Women agencies in communities across the province in 2023 and across Canada in 2024. The Huron Women's Shelter has agreed to join the Renfrew County We Stand with Survivors Campaign this year.

We are at this time requesting that the Goderich Town Council agree to hang our banner in the Town for the month of May 2023. We will also be asking some local businesses to hang a We Stand with Survivors poster in their store front window for a part or all of May, and informing local media of this campaign.

I want to thank Goderich Town Council for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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