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March 01, 2021

Attention: Heather Boyd – Director of Council Services

Subject – February 26, 2021 Grant Request Appeal – 129 King Street Burford

Hello Heather:

We are formally appealing the County of Brant Council rejection of our \$2519.75 2020 Property Tax Grant request.

We ask for this reconsideration on the basis of the following key points:

- 1) Our 2017 property purchase afforded Brant County the opportunity to recover \$30,000+ in property tax arrears from the previous owner, [REDACTED]
- 2) Our property remediation effort, demolition and new construction saved Brant County another \$25,000 + cost, as the property would have been left to the County to incur the legal, permit and demolition costs to remediate the failing building and septic system
- 3) Our efforts not only cleaned up a core downtown property, saving council significant costs, and safety issues, but also increased the value of every neighbouring property
- 4) The remediated building generates annually, \$5,000+ new county property tax revenue
- 5) We spent \$75,000+ construction and related costs, fully supporting local Burford businesses, including Warrens Home Centre, E&J Septic, Dick Aggregates, LogHouse Restaurant, Burford Bakery, Harris Jewellers, Foodland, and the local convenience store.
- 6) There is no commercial business demand in the area, confirmed by your Zach Gable, Ryan Cummings, Michael Bradley and members of council per our discussions
- 7) We sold the building in January at \$90,000 less than the original list price, to stop the financial bleeding. Reference earlier Covid 19 and other documents provided your office

I would ask Brant County Council to consider the above points when considering our \$2519.75 Grant request, while considering the financial and community benefits stated above.

We trust Council will support this fair request based on the long term benefits this property will bring to the Burford community.

Sincerely,

Sherry & Mark Dremak