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City of Oshawa
City Hall
50 Centre St. S.
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RE: Report SF-23-07

Attention: City Clerk
Submitted via email

The Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce is pleased to offer this letter of support for the proposed Pilot Program outlining an interim exemption from additional licensing fees as included in Report SF-23-07.

As businesses continue to seek fulsome recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, adapt to a changing economy and participate in community-centric events that provide positive activations for people and spaces, seeking ways to alleviate additional financial pressures on these businesses is of the utmost importance.

The proposed Pilot Program will help to address concerns that our organization has heard from the broader business community regarding the barriers to participating in events both on their own property or in larger scale community events.

This topic has been an active advocacy file for our organization, and we are pleased to see City staff proposing solutions that is likely to have only a positive impact on the businesses that will participate in these opportunities.

Any questions regarding this letter may be forwarded via email to ceo@oshawachamber.com.

Sincerely,

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Jason King
CEO
Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce