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Subject: Observation deck at Second Marsh

On behalf of the Friends of Second Marsh, we would like to formally submit our proposal to the City of Oshawa's Community and Operations Services Committee regarding the replacement of the observation deck at Second Marsh. For many years, a wooden observation deck provided a premier vantage point along the trail, offering visitors a place to gather, appreciate nature, and learn about the Marsh's vital ecosystem. It was an essential feature for educators, allowing them to engage larger groups in environmental education. Unfortunately, due to aging and safety concerns, the City made the responsible decision to remove the structure.

After consulting with CLOCA and numerous members and users of our non-profit, we propose building a new and improved observation deck in the same location. This project will be a community-led gift to the City, designed for public use and environmental education. To ensure its success, we plan to engage professional engineering firms to design and oversee construction.

We respectfully request that the City:

1. **Waive building permit fees** to help facilitate this initiative.
2. **Collaborate with our professionals** on design, planning, and regulatory requirements.
3. **We will engage with City Operations, CLOCA, and biologists** to ensure an inclusive, sustainable, and community-driven approach.

We would appreciate the opportunity to present this proposal at an upcoming Community and Operations Services Committee session to discuss the project in greater detail.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your response.

Best regards,

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