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The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and the Township of Scugog Ratify Service Agreement

Together, the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and the Township of Scugog finalize new service agreement for roads, fire, and emergency services

SCUGOG – The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN), and the Township of Scugog, today, jointly announce the ratification of a new service agreement. The agreement builds on the governments’ strong relationship and support for the revitalization of Lake Scugog.

For the period of 2018-2038, the Township of Scugog will provide road maintenance, fire, and emergency services to MSIFN at a fixed price of \$1.5 million, which will be allocated entirely to the Lake Scugog Enhancement Project (LSEP). The MSIFN will receive all service levels for, roads, and fire and emergency services as would the residents and businesses within the Scugog Township.

“We are proud to have come up with a unique type of service agreement that is mutually beneficial and seeks to achieve a long-term goal for our communities,” said Chief Kelly LaRocca. “Lake Scugog is a defining feature of MSIFN, and the Township of Scugog, and our community is proud to support LSEP and protect what matters most.”

“On behalf of the Scugog community we are very happy to see this agreement finalized and grateful for the financial commitment made by the MSIFN Council on behalf of the First Nation community. This agreement provides service delivery ensuring quality roads and fire and emergency services consistent with the services received throughout Scugog. Along with the support for a major project affecting the health of our shared Lake Scugog this is a great example of respect and cooperation between neighbours.” Scugog Mayor Bobbie Drew.

MSIFN’s new water infrastructure, which was completed in 2021, offers an enhanced level of protection to the MSIFN community. In addition to their tanker truck shuttles, the Scugog Township’s fire and emergency services will continue to be able to access MSIFN’s new privately held water system and hydrants in the event of a nearby fire emergency. “The MSIFN water system is vital infrastructure that provides an additional partnership opportunity

strengthening the emergency response for all neighbouring residents,” said Mayor Bobbie Drew. “Our residents are grateful for the committed service of the Scugog Fire Department and emergency response employees, and we thank them for their remarkable service,” said Chief LaRocca.

For centuries, the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) have lived on the shores of Lake Scugog, North of what is now Port Perry. Thanks in large part to the success of the Great Blue Heron (GBH) casino, MSIFN is widely considered a model of a successful First Nation government in Canada. In part due to the success of GBH, MSIFN has provided their community – and Durham Region as a whole – with thousands of jobs, and millions of dollars in charitable donations to community organizations throughout the region.

For more information, please contact:

Chief Kelly LaRocca - the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

The Township of Scugog is a Municipal government within the Region of Durham (one of eight municipalities).

Through Council direction, the Township facilitates the regular business of the municipality. The Township also provides many services to the residents and businesses in the community in the areas of governance and administration, public works and infrastructure, economic development, and community programs and services for all ages. We work together to make Scugog one of the best communities to live, work, and play.

For more information, please contact:

Mayor Bobbie Drew - the Township of Scugog