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**Object: Letter of support for the Official Naming of the Community Recreation Centre and Library to be located at 100 Ethennonnhawahstihnen' Lane, Ward 17**

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Ms. Romoff, Kwe,

It is with great honour and humility that the Huron-Wendat Nation supports the proposed name *Ethennonnhawahstihnen'* for the upcoming community recreation centre and library.

The Wendat Nation feels that the name is quite fitting for such a building, as *Ethennonnhawahstihnen'* means where they had a good, beautiful life. As such, a public building dedicated to recreative activities, sports, childcare and a library will assuredly lead to a good and beautiful life for the expected 10 000 residents that will move in once the community is completed.

As you may know, this name was chosen because of the proximity of the park to the Moatfield Ossuary and village where evidence of people living long and healthy lives were found. At the time of naming the park and the street leading to it, the Wendat Nation suggested and supported the name of the park, and we additionally support the name of the community centre because it is an extension of the public space of the whole area.

The Wendat Nation also wishes to stress the importance and meaning that we put in the giving of names, as according to our tradition, a name is given as a descriptive of the thing being named, therefore living good, healthy and beautiful lives is what would result from practicing sports, learning and reading in this community centre.

Best Regards,

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