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To Whom it May Concern,

I write on behalf of GO Adventure CO. (GO) in support of Team Town Hall's proposal to save and restore the Olde Dundalk Town Hall for future community use as an art and culture building. At GO we are outdoor play enthusiasts offering recreation programming to children and youth from Dundalk and surrounding areas. We are based out of Melancthon, a neighbouring municipality, which is also in desperate need for more community programming opportunities and locations to facilitate these programs. Restoring the Olde Dundalk Town Hall will not only benefit the people of Dundalk, but it will spread to a much larger demographic area, encompassing many other towns and municipalities and their community of people.

As a business that has been providing a service to many members of Southgate for the past 5 years, I can see first hand how this project will better the community. Our goal at GO is to help build a community of GO-ers through play and movement, spending time outdoors, and most importantly leaving lasting positive memories on our crew. The vision of Team Town Hall aligns with ours, as they hope to build a place to connect with the community, be a positive outlet for many, and make lifelong lasting memories. The reopening of Old Dundalk Town hall would be very complementary to our programs and a positive addition to our community.

Through communication with our GOers and their families, the consensus is that Dundalk is currently lacking in options for programming including recreation, arts and culture in our community. Although we are a business serving one of these needs, our programs are continually at capacity meaning that other participants must be turned away. There is interest and demand for more arts, culture and recreational programming in this area, and with the rapid growing population of our communities, the demand for this will continue to increase.

Currently many of our GO-ers that are interested in participating in arts and cultural programs must drive to other towns in order to access this. This divides our community instead of bringing it together. Having a building in Dundalk like the Olde

Town Hall that is accessible to everyone and dedicated to arts and culture could become a hub for discovering passions, meeting new people, feeling supported, and building a close-knit community. Lack of access to transportation (no public transit, no vehicle, no ride sharing options, etc) is a main reason we hear of why many rural people cannot participate in our recreation programs and we are only located on a property about 5 km from Dundalk. Since the Olde Town Hall is located right in the heart of Dundalk, it would eliminate this barrier for people.

I started GO Adventure in this area because it is where I grew up and so I have a vested interest in it being a thriving, healthy, and strong community. With GO, I have been involved in many rural development and tourism conferences and it has brought to my attention through the example of many other smaller towns that a lot of their economic success comes from tourism and bringing visitors in. Being on Highway 10 makes Dundalk a high traffic area thus raising the potential for visitors to come stop and see the historical buildings, the quaintness of a small town and a rural community way of living that is increasingly diminishing in large urban sprawls. The opportunity to restore the Olde Town Hall is a chance to kick start the beautification of the whole town of Dundalk.

I again strongly recommend and support the renovation and revitalization of the Olde Dundalk Town Hall, so that it can function as intended and help revitalize our little community. It has the chance to be the catalyst for more effort, energy, money and time being invested into OUR community.

Sincerely yours,

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