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Statement from Mayor Ron Gervais

Re: City of Pembroke – Strong Mayor Powers

As Mayor of Pembroke, I acknowledge the recent legislative changes that provide enhanced powers to municipal mayors under Ontario's Strong Mayor Powers framework. These tools are designed to support the advancement of provincial priorities, such as increasing housing supply and streamlining municipal decision-making.

It is important to note that while these powers are now available to me as mayor, they do not need to be exercised, and any decision to do so will be made thoughtfully and in the best interest of the community. I fully recognize and respect that each member of Council was elected by the people of Pembroke, and I am committed to upholding that democratic trust.

The City of Pembroke's elected officials and staff are actively engaged in supporting the province's priorities and in working with ministry partners to implement tools and initiatives that advance shared goals. I have full confidence in Council's commitment to working together to uphold these priorities while also serving the unique needs of our residents.

I continue to support and promote the principles of transparency, accountability, and collaboration within our municipal government. While I will retain the powers granted under the legislation, my approach remains one of cooperation and mutual respect.

As always, I intend to work closely with Council as we strive toward a vibrant and bright future for the City of Pembroke — one that is guided by the shared values, insights, and aspirations of our community.

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Sincerely,

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