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Subject: Purchase of 65 Frances Ave, Stoney Creek

From: Lakewood Beach Community Council

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On behalf of the Stoney Creek Lakeshore community residents (human and non-human), we want to extend a **Thank you** to the Mayor, Clr Jeff Beattie and all of Council

We were thrilled to learn you unanimously supported the city purchase of 65 Frances Avenue/Confederation Beach Vacant Land from the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board.

Your support of returning this land to the municipality's ownership after almost 50 years clearly demonstrates to us this term of Council's Values. Kudos!

65 Frances Avenue is home to ~ 45 species of flora & fauna, including "Turtle Pond" - the nesting site of the turtles from the Big Pond. It has been described as an extremely rare & unique environmental area within an urban setting and worth preserving.

*We also want to express our gratitude to the **Patrick J. McNally Charitable Foundation** and **HWDSB Trustee Todd White**. We understand both also played a significant role in the funding, partnerships & teamwork required as the City worked to secure the (re)purchase.*

We are also extremely appreciative of the past & present members of our community & city who recognized the value of this land and whose tireless efforts over the years have come to fruition.

Many have contributed over the years, however Madam Mayor & all members of Council it was your recent significant support that we would be remiss if we failed to recognize - Again, Thank you !

Warmest regards,

Anna Roberts / Nancy Bleakley
Lakewood Beach Community Council