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Mayor Colin Grantham
Strathroy-Caradoc Municipal Council
52 Frank Street
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Subject: Request for amendments to Emergency Response Plan for Extreme Cold Warnings

Dear Mayor Grantham and Strathroy-Caradoc Municipal Councillors,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to request action by Council on the need for a warming facility in Strathroy during extreme cold weather alerts.

Specifically, I am requesting that Council amend the "Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc Emergency Response Plan":

- a) to use existing municipal property/facilities;
- b) to accommodate over night warming needs;
- c) for homeless individuals (not limited to residency);
- d) during "Extreme Cold Warning" alerts as defined by Environment Canada threshold criteria for Southwestern Ontario as wind chill expected to reach minus 30C for at least two hours.

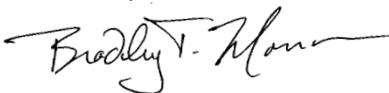
The current Emergency Response Plan lists "Winter Storms" as "Special Hazards" (#68c). The proposed amendment would address emergency needs related to an "Extreme Cold Warning" for people without adequate shelter.

The amendment recognizes a gap in the municipality's current strategy of using the Library as a warming facility during business hours; however, what warming strategies exist after hours? The amendment extends the Emergency Response Plan's current capacity to respond to other weather hazards by using municipal resources.

I trust that the Strathroy-Caradoc Municipal Council recognizes the urgency of this matter as winter approaches. The proposed amendments demonstrate our municipality's commitment to the well-being of our most vulnerable residents and ensure that Strathroy-Caradoc remains a community that cares for all its members.

I ask that this matter be placed on the agenda of an upcoming Council meeting, and I plan to address the matter with a Delegation. I appreciate your attention to this request and look forward to the public discussion. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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