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Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc 52 Frank Street, Strathroy ON N7G 2R4

RE: Service Club Market Registration Fee & Strathroy Lions Club Park Pavilion Rental Fee

Dear Council Members:

Where There's A Need, There's A Lion

Whenever a Lions club gets together, problems get smaller. And communities get better. That's because we help where help is needed – in our own communities and around the world – with unmatched integrity and energy.

The Strathroy Lions Club has been supporting many community initiatives for 100 years and will continue to do so. We as a service organization hold many fund raising events with those funds directly given back to the local community, minor sports, and many other service organizations. Our support doesn't end with our community; we support many provincial and national organizations.

Our club is currently raising funds for a Dog Guide sponsorship with the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide (LFCDG). LFCDG is a national charity that was created by the Lions of Canada. Its mission is to empower Canadians with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence by providing a Dog Guide at no cost and supporting them in their journey together. They support these individuals by providing Dog Guides for seven different programs: Hearing, Canine Vision, Seizure Response, Service, Diabetics Alert, Autism Assistance, and Facility Support. The sponsorship cost of a Dog Guide is very significant at \$35,000 per Dog Guide.

I have highlighted one of many of our causes and initiatives. As a service organization we rely on the Strathroy-Caradoc market and the Strathroy Lions Club pavilion in Alexandra Park to allow to continue to raise money to support those in need.

We respectfully request that council consider waving our fees for the Strathroy Market and rental fees for the Strathroy Lions Club pavilion in order for us to continue to provide the necessary support to individuals, organizations and our local community.

Sincerely,

Dave Milliken Club President

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