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To: Jennifer Pereira – Director of Legal & Legislative Services/ Clerk (jpereira@strathroy-caradoc.ca)

CC: Greg Henderson – Manager of Environmental Services (ghenderson@strathroy-caradoc.ca)

Re: Disposal Fees – By-Law 131-25

This letter is in regards to a recent invoice that we received for disposal fees at the Strathroy transfer station for the 2025 calendar year. Invoice number IVC08802.

We, Second Chance Community Store, would like to request that we be exempt from disposal fees moving forward as per the reasons stipulated in this letter.

You are likely aware that one of our main goals is to divert as much as we can from the local landfill by accepting donations from our community of gently used furniture, hardware, tools, etc. We do our best to repair, upcycle, and repurpose the items that come in each day so that we can sell them at a reasonable rate back to our community. In this day and age, finding affordable good quality second hand furniture, appliances and hardware is so important for many in our community.

Second Chance Community Store keeps about 80% of what is donated out of the local landfill. If an item is not saleable, we recycle what we can to further keep items out of the landfill. This helps keep municipality costs down because we are doing our job; diverting large furniture, hardware and appliance items from the transfer station.

We would like to ask that we be exempt from the disposal fees. We have been since 2020, so it was an unwelcome surprise to receive this invoice for dumping charges. As a registered charity, these charges take away from the monies we are able to donate back to Strathroy Community Christian School, our owner/operator.

Thank you for your consideration to our request.

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