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To the CAO and Members of Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of North Durham Pride of which I am a Board member. Our organization is dedicated to promoting visibility and representation of 2SLGBTQI+ individuals in Scugog, Uxbridge, and Brock Townships. Our vision is to cultivate an inclusive and diverse rural culture that values and respects the contributions, experiences, and identities of 2SLGBTQI+ communities. Saturday, June 8, 2024 will be our main event “Small Town Big Pride”, held in Port Perry, but we want to include all of North Durham which means we will be rotating small events throughout the different communities following that event. One will be held in Beaverton and one in Uxbridge. This will allow the community, along with allies and family members, to keep in touch and to celebrate diversity year-round, throughout North Durham.

We have partnered with many local businesses throughout the area as well as Durham Region, Durham Tourism and Central Counties Tourism. It is our hope that we can also drive visitors and tourists to this area that we have all chosen to live in, work, develop businesses and raise families.

We are requesting the use of the Beaverton Harbour on Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 10 am to 3 pm to hold a “Beaverton Beach Day”. If that date is unavailable we would request the following weekend, Saturday, July 20, 2024. We are also requesting extra picnic tables and garbage receptacles to the area if possible. Of course recognition will be given to the Township of Brock for their in-kind contributions toward this event.

Our list of activities (not finalized yet) are: Craft activities, bubble blowing, face painting, beach ball, frisbee, picnicking, freezie giveaways, kayaking, paddleboarding, hotdog/hamburg bbq stall (we know we have to speak to the Fire Marshall about that), a few community booths, a giant tortoise and giant bunny (Zoo to You), and fishing for those that have licences, a local performer or two or DJ. The event is free of charge and is intended to be a fun day for friends and families in Brock Township on Lake Simcoe.

We can also provide a certificate of insurance for \$2,000,000, naming the Township of Brock as additional insured as per last year, We know that we also need approval for a BBQ at the Beaverton Beach Day event, from the Fire Chief if we decide to have a BBQ. We are hoping maybe one of the restaurants in town may partner with us on that.

Sincerely,

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