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Mayor Millar, Deputy Mayor Lawrence and Members of Council  
Township of Tiny Offices  
130 Balm Beach Road West  
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To Mayor Millar, Deputy Mayor Lawrence and Members of Council:

**Re: : OMB Hearing into the proposed McMahan Subdivision**

We urge you to strengthen the representation of Tiny Township at the forthcoming OMB hearing on the above issue by appointing a strong outside planning witness in addition to just having your lawyer present. We appreciate that this Council has rejected the proponent's current proposal for 51 lots, but the legal and planning advice we have received suggests that if the number of lots is to be held at the 20 lots proposed by the County, the Township must supply vigorous support for the County standard

The Township's Environment First Official Plan has broad public support throughout the Township, in particular, the protections it enshrines for the Township's significant natural features, its water, its wildlife. The earlier zoning changes on the McMahan property disregard the environmental protections not only of the Township's Official Plan but also of the Official Plan of the County of Simcoe. These changes also disregard the province's directive that future development take place in the Township's hamlets. Accordingly, we would argue vigorously that you undertake to revise Tiny's OP and By-laws to ensure that in future there is to be ZERO development in our Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest. We recognize, however, that in this instance, matters may have progressed too far for that objective to be achieved.

We look forward to hearing from you on this matter very soon, and we request that you please place this letter on the agenda of your next meeting since the deadline for parties to declare their witnesses is the end of January. We hope that all members of Council will support this measure, and we shall be posting news of the OMB hearing on our website.

Yours sincerely,

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