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His Worship Mayor Jeff Lehman Office of the Mavor 70 Collier Street, Box 400 Barrie, ON L4M 4T5

Mayor Lehman:

I wanted to personally send you a note of recognition and sincere thanks for the effective partnership that the Walkerton Clean Water Centre (WCWC) has forged with the City of Barrie. Working closely with John Thompson and his staff in Water Operations, the Barrie Surface Water Plant has hosted numerous training events and meetings in conjunction with the WCWC. Many have been targeted at city staff, but also the broader water community in Ontario. John and his entire team have done an exemplary job, from substantive assistance to logistics and facility management. They have all gone the extra mile to ensure that these events were not only successful, but contributed to the continued high guality of drinking water in the city, and the province.

In 2017 alone, WCWC held 14 training sessions, and several meetings, at the plant. This is a win-win situation since Barrie staff has been able to receive complimentary training in exchange for WCWC's use of the training rooms. Other operators often travel to Barrie from surrounding communities for this training, which is not only a further stimulus to the Barrie economy, but also provides networking opportunities for your own staff, on common issues with colleagues.

Thank you again for the assistance that the City of Barrie has given the Centre in fulfilling our mission of ensuring safe drinking water! We look forward to continuing to work with your community, and invite you at any time to come and visit, and see operating drinking water systems on a pilot scale here at our facility.

Sincerely yours.

B. Carl Kuhnke Chief Executive Officer

cc. John Thompson