



**The Grey & Simcoe Foresters
Regimental Museum
The Armoury, 37 Parkside Drive, Barrie, Ontario, L4N 1W8**

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Your Worship,

When we last met in your office on 15 September 2015, we discussed, inter alia, the possibility of a more long range agreement of occupancy for the Regimental Museum of the Grey & Simcoe Foresters Regiment. Such an agreement would permit a more viable and long range financial, artifact acquisition, and staffing plan, which in turn would pave the way to an enhanced public experience when on a visit to our Museum.

Our museum exists as a window into the Regiment for the Communities from which it was born. The Museum, now residing in a building that of itself has a significant historical link to the Regiment, is tasked, through its leadership and volunteers, with the acquisition and preservation of a collection of military artifacts and with the research and dissemination of the preserved knowledge of the history and ongoing activities of the Regiment. Thus, through the presentation of the past and current record of its citizen soldiers, the Museum connects its founding communities with an important part of their historical military involvement in local, provincial, national and world affairs.

We request that Council consideration be given to an agreement of perpetual occupancy of the 36 Mulcaster Street Armoury by the Grey & Simcoe Foresters Regimental Museum, so long as the purpose remains to operate the premises jointly as a museum and heritage centre.

John C. Hayter
Brigadier General (ret'd)
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