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Mayor George Lloy  
Town of Stewiacke  
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**Re: 2021/2022 Commercial Taxes**

Dear Mayor George Lloy,

The past year has delivered unprecedented challenges for businesses across Colchester County and the province. The Board of Directors of the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce would like to offer our gratitude for the support that you and your council has offered to business and residents of Stewiacke as we navigated a global pandemic and continue to be impacted.

While optimism lies ahead with the progressive delivery and administration of vaccines, businesses still face challenges as government restrictions persist and support programs diminish. Businesses are continuing to evolve and transition to changing consumer purchasing habits that arose from the pandemic, with many likely to remain even when restrictions ease.

As your council debates priorities for the upcoming fiscal period, and budgets are being crafted, we would ask that strong consideration be given to maintaining the commercial tax rates at their existing levels. We understand that there are many needs and wants in the region, however we feel that business has been unduly harmed this past year and any break they can receive would be welcome and go along ways towards ensuring the sustainability.

Our Chamber will be hosting its 131<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting on March 24 at 12 p.m. on Zoom. We invite you to attend to hear about the activities of the Chamber during the past year and to welcome our new board of directors. Our incoming President Matthew Mossman and I would



appreciate an opportunity to meet with you and Stewiacke's CAO Dale Bogle to share about the Chamber's priorities while also learning about the priorities of your town.

We look forward to connecting with you in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sherry Martell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Sherry Martell  
Executive Director  
Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce

CC: Dale Bogle, CAO, Town of Stewiacke