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ATTENTION: Town Clerk and Council

My name is Ed Taccone and I am the President of the Caledon Agricultural Society.

As you may be aware, our Board of Directors have made the decision to move forward in building a new facility on our fairgrounds property. Recent media coverage has shared this news with our community, announcing we have initiated fundraising for our proposed building.

The building will be a much-needed facility in northwest Caledon. Not only will it be used to showcase agriculture through educational seminars (encouraging the younger generation the importance for carrying on family farm businesses) but the community at large will also benefit by having the opportunity to rent the facility for weddings, birthday parties or senior activities within close proximity to where they live.

Over the years the Town of Caledon and the Caledon Agricultural Society has had a marvelous relationship and you continue to support our organization. The Town (under contract) has had the use of the fairground ball diamonds for many years, giving enjoyment to our community athletes. The Town also has initiated "Movies in the Park" on our fairgrounds over the last few years which has become a popular event. And our Caledon Fire and Emergency Services use the fairgrounds for training purposes. We have much we can offer the community and these few examples of our current partnerships speaks to the importance of these fairground facilities.

I am interested in discussing with the Town of Caledon how we can partner to better prepare the use for our new proposed building and how we can be committed in ensuring residents in west Caledon can have every opportunity to better connect. Together we have an opportunity where we can create a supportive, engaged community where residents experience agricultural awareness, career fairs and indoor farm market to mention a few.

Our Caledon Agricultural Society hope you can share our vision, and see this as a further opportunity for a viable partnership for many years to come. If you see this as an opportunity please call me at 416-717-7057 or email at happy_traveller@icloud.com to start the conversations.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Ed Taccone, President, Caledon Agricultural Society

cc: The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, MPP

cc: The Honourable Kyle Seeback, PC, MP