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Honourable Jeff Jordan
Town of Grimsby
160 Livingston Avenue
Grimsby, Ontario
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Dear Mayor Jordan:

On behalf of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and Delta Waterfowl, we are contacting you regarding the Town of Grimsby's discharge of firearms and bows by-law.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) is Ontario's largest, non-profit, fish and wildlife conservation-based organization, representing 100,000 members, subscribers and supporters, and 725 member clubs.

Delta Waterfowl is the duck hunter's organization. We are the oldest waterfowl conservation organization in North America, tracing our roots back to 1911. Our members, supporters and donors span across Ontario, Canada, and the United States.

We appreciated the opportunity to speak to council at the open house and hear the concerns of others. It is clear that there is a diversity of opinions on the appropriateness of hunting in different parts of the municipality, but there is also some common ground on which to build a constructive discussion, and ultimately, a draft discharge of firearms and bows by-law which represents the interests of your residents.

Given the diverse opinions, we would encourage the establishment of a small committee comprised of the OFAH, Delta Waterfowl, by-law enforcement, Niagara Regional Police, interested council members, and a couple of local residents (particularly waterfront residents) who would be tasked with the development of a new or amended discharge of firearms and bows by-law that balances the interests of local residents, hunters and non-hunters alike. These committees have proven to be extremely effective in the City of Hamilton and the Township of Amaranth.

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Between our two organizations, we have years of experience working with municipalities to create by-laws that do not impede legal hunting, trapping and/or recreational shooting opportunities, while also respecting public safety. Our organizations are united in our efforts to protect our hunting heritage and we stand ready to provide advice and expertise on this matter.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,



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