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Good morning Arie Hoogenboom and Council Members,

The Frontenac Arch Chamber of Commerce, (formally the Lyndhurst, Seeley's Bay and District) has been focused on promoting our local businesses and our region for the past thirty years. Our region has grown. So many Ontario chambers have closed over the last few years. The need to stay united, connected and actively involved, supporting and promoting our local businesses has never been more important. We are looking for new board members to better represent our region. By having a board that has representation from the towns within our region like Westport, Elgin, Athens, Delta, Lansdowne, Lyndhurst and Seeleys Bay we gain better insight into our local businesses and communities. In building our board we will gain stronger more effective decision making and better utilization of members skills and talents.

We welcome you to join our organization as a business or associate member. As a member, you will receive so much more than a listing. You will have access to all the benefits of being an Ontario Chamber of Commerce and Canadian Chamber of Commerce member. Inclusion on our website, and support from our dedicated Executive and Board of Directors committed to improving our local rural economy.

In 2022 we introduced our Mobile Visitor Kiosk, thanks to funding support from Federal, Provincial, and local grants. This has been very well received by visitors, business members and the community. Equipped with brochure racks, a service window and rear drop door for accessibility we have attended local fairs and events promoting business and tourism in the area. We encourage our members to provide us with promotional material for their products and services to be included in the kiosk. Showcasing your business is our business.

Our community minded organization proudly oversees various sub-committees to enable us to host special events throughout the year. We also support and promote local businesses in their events such as the Shop and Hop and Sidewalk sales. We welcome your input and ideas and always encourage networking among our members.

The Frontenac Arch Chamber of Commerce continues to grow. We would like to see new members from all the communities within the Frontenac Arch Chamber Region. We provide a strong voice with our local levels of government and continuously promote our member businesses through our events and online.

Together we make a difference.

D. Jolliffe
Director of Membership