



January 24, 2019

Re: Voluntary Temporary Suspension of Fundraiser Duties

Dear Craig, the BIA board members and staff,

Let me start by saying thank you. Thank you for allowing me to play a part in helping to make our downtown a better place. Being a Barrie born resident, it is very close to my heart to help to improve our City and our downtown core. We have accomplished some great things together and I am grateful for that.

As some of you may know, I have been dealing with an awful allegation over the past few years and it has taken its' toll on me. I am more than willing to discuss any details or questions that anyone has regarding this, but the bottom line is that I provided promotional services for a former employer who was a trusted friend and community leader and he took advantage of that trust. The provincial court understood this and did not pursue a trial and instead granted me an absolute discharge on the matter which was settled on August 30th, 2017. This resulted in having no criminal record and the matter was concluded. As you can imagine, the whole ordeal was a horrible experience for me both personally and professionally. Friends and colleagues have been very understanding during this time, pledging their support for me which I have extremely appreciated. Unfortunately, I am still dealing with some of the fallout of his actions.

Nonetheless I understand the board will require time to discuss and process this. I propose a temporary suspension of my duties acting as the BIA's fundraising coordinator until such time the board can make a final decision on my future relationship with the BIA.

I love being your fundraiser and would like to continue to work on making Barrie a better place with each of you. No matter what the result is, I will respect your decision. Thank you in advance for your discretion and time pertaining to this sensitive matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn Coulson', written in a cursive style.

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