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Mike Toffan  
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Dear Mr. Toffan,

Please accept this letter of support for Project Forest to collaborate with Sturgeon County on a rewilding project at the Sandy Lake Wilderness Area.

Sturgeon County is currently undertaking an Area Concept and Natural Area Management Plan to guide the future development of the site. As part of this process, Sturgeon County Council has engaged with Alexander First Nation to request information about traditional uses, cultural practices, ceremonial or sacred sites within the Sandy Lake area, and how best to protect these spaces. We are committed to continuing our engagement with Alexander First Nation as part of the potential rewilding efforts at the Sandy Lake Wilderness Area.

This project aligns with Sturgeon County's goal of thriving communities under our **Safe, Beautiful Communities** strategic outcome objectives and our goal of collaborative governance in the context of acknowledging and celebrating Sturgeon County's history and relationships with Indigenous and other communities under the **Meaningful Community Connections** objective, as outlined in the County's Strategic Plan.

By partnering with Project Forest, Sturgeon County has an opportunity to enhance these community outcomes through meaningful rewilding efforts. This collaboration will not only support the preservation and restoration of natural spaces but also strengthen connections with Indigenous communities and promote environmental stewardship for future generations. Together, we can create a legacy of sustainability and community pride.

We look forward to continuing our work together on this important project.

Regards,

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