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Minister Monte McNaughton
Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development
14th Floor
400 University Avenue
Toronto, ON M7A 1T7

To The Honourable Monte McNaughton,

Re: Letter of Support – Fort Erie International Academy


I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the application by Fort Erie International Academy (JPAS International Inc.) for funding through the “Cohort Training – Educating Ontarians Unemployed from COVID-19” program. The Town of Fort Erie strongly supports this grant application and its focus on both reducing unemployment and matching local employers with highly demanded talent in the Fort Erie and Niagara areas.

As a municipality, the Town of Fort Erie Council has adopted a strategic goal of promoting business, economic growth and employment opportunities and is committed to supporting initiatives that enhance pathways into meaningful and gainful employment and removing barriers of entry into the workforce. Fort Erie International Academy’s plan to equip 100 unemployed residents with college diplomas or certificates to high-demand occupations in under a year and connect them with employers seeking their education speaks to the general tenor of Council’s strategic plan of improving the lives of all who live in our community.

The Town of Fort Erie will support this project by assisting Fort Erie International Academy in finding Ontarians unemployed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic that can benefit from the training program, promoting the program to the community, local employment agencies, organizations, and charities and identifying local businesses in need of skilled workers. Fort Erie International Academy will be responsible for conducting “Cohort Training – Educating Ontarians Unemployed from COVID-19”. As an educational institution and employer itself, Fort Erie International Academy has had a significant impact on the Fort Erie labour market and economy. Having worked with Fort Erie International Academy on a number of initiatives to date, we are confident in its ability to deliver on the proposal’s objectives with highly successful results.

The Town of Fort Erie very much supports this exciting opportunity to improve employment in our community, Niagara and, indeed, Ontario and connect employers to the labour required to revitalize our economy. Should you require further comment, please contact me at your convenience.

Yours very truly,



Wayne H. Redekop
Mayor