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The Ontario Gaming and Lottery Corporation (OLG) recently announced their intention to expand private sector gaming in Ontario by issuing a Request for Information (RFI) seeking input from potential private sector providers as it expands regulated gaming in Ontario.

The Town of Wasaga Beach, Town of Collingwood, Clearview Township and the Township of Springwater have been identified by the OLG as a potential location for a single gaming facility with 300 slot machines. This area is called Zone C7. The OLG has indicated that each identified zone will only support one gaming facility and will ensure any new gaming facilities are not in close proximity to an existing gaming operation.

Yesterday afternoon, Mayor Ken Ferguson of Clearview Township hosted the Mayors, Deputy Mayors and senior staff from the Zone C7 municipalities at Clearview Town Hall to discuss the potential of a gaming facility locating in this area and the approach the municipalities should take in addressing this opportunity. It was agreed at the meeting that the four communities will take a collaborative approach in exploring the advantages and disadvantages to this area of hosting a gaming facility in the area. The next step in this process is to educate the individual Councils on what this opportunity means to the area from a variety of perspectives. Further steps will be determined by the individual Councils working together.

The Mayors and Deputy Mayors from The Town of Wasaga Beach, Town of Collingwood, Clearview Township and the Township of Springwater have indicated that residents of each respective community will be kept well informed of information received regarding the opportunity.

Mayor Ken Ferguson commented that “the announcement by the OLG provides another opportunity for the four communities in the Georgian Triangle to work together to identify if they are prepared to support a gaming facility, and if so, in which community.” He went on to say “that it is important that all perspectives are considered, including the potential impact on services provided by the County of Simcoe.”

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