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To Deborah Kimball, CODA Secretariat:

Please accept this as a letter of strong support for John Hawke of the G'chimnissing Beausoleil First Nation. In my capacity as the Coordinator of a York University Work-Integrated Learning project, I have had the honour of working with Mr. Hawke, having contacted him to conduct trainings with our 55 students. These sessions have been highly informative and a real eye-opener for the students, most of whom had not had the opportunity to learn first-hand about Indigenous history, cultural practises, and land rights.

I have found Mr. Hawke to be reliable, conscientious, and articulate. His approach to knowledge-sharing is both collaborative and inclusive, making him an important bridge-builder between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples at a time when open communication is essential in the reconciliation process.

Please feel free to contact me if you require elaboration or clarification.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale C. Hamilton".

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