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MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release: **Decision of the Honourable Justice Ellies concerning
the proposed subdivision in Portage Bay**

Date: January 11, 2022

The Township of Coleman is pleased to have been vindicated by RSJ Ellies in his decision released on January 7th, 2022.

The dispute concerns a draft plan of subdivision that was first approved in 1985. The Township has always been supportive of the subdivision proposal, subject to the standard condition that the proponents dedicate the roads in the plan of subdivision to the Township as public highways. This condition was imposed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and was not within the Township's control.

In 2015, the proponents asserted that a road in the plan of subdivision providing access to the southern half of the subdivision (Road A), part of which was not owned by the proponents, was already public highway and thus did not have to be dedicated and conveyed by them to the Township. RSJ Ellies rejected this assertion in his January 7th decision, thus requiring the subdivision proponents to dedicate and convey Road A to the Township.

The Township remains supportive of the Portage Bay subdivision and looks forward to working with the proponents to finalize the subdivision in accordance with the conditions imposed by the Ministry. If you require further information please contact:

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