

December 1, 2022

Mayor Matthew Graham
Township of Cavan Monaghan

Dear Mayor Graham,

For Our Grandchildren (4RG) is delighted to support the Kawartha Land Trust (KLT) and the Baxter Creek Watershed Alliance's vision to protect the ecologically significant areas of the Old Millbrook Jail Lands as well as their broader work in conservation issues.

4RG is a dynamic local organization whose mission is to engage and mobilize our community to take effective action to combat climate change. We advocate/enlist support from our local governments and collaborate with like-minded community organizations.

4RG recognizes the importance of the former Millbrook Jail property as a nature-based climate mitigation asset. Preserving forestlands such as this helps mitigate climate change since they act as a carbon sink and absorb greenhouse gases from the atmosphere. Land conservation also helps wildlife weather the climate crisis. This is especially important now as North America's bird population has declined by nearly 30 percent since 1970. This is mostly as a result of natural areas being lost to development. Finally, green spaces such as the Old Millbrook Jail Lands double as recreation opportunities. Spending time in nature is recognized as essential for our mental and physical health.

Our organization encourages the Township of Cavan Monaghan to endorse this amazing project and Baxter Creek Watershed Alliance's work in engaging the broader community in scientific endeavours for the well-being of present and future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Guy Hanchet'.

Guy Hanchet
President, For Our Grandchildren