

# RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

## AGREEMENT BETWEEN:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO  
as represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

(the "Province")

- and -

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX

CRA # 108126285

(the "Recipient")

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained in this agreement (the "Agreement") and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is expressly acknowledged, the Province and the Recipient (the "Parties") agree as follows:

### 1.0 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

#### 1.1 This Agreement, including:

Schedule "A" – General Terms and Conditions,  
Schedule "B" – Operational Requirements and Additional Provisions,  
Schedule "C" – Project Description,  
Schedule "D" – Financial Information,  
Schedule "E" – Payments and Reports,  
And any amending agreement entered into as provided below,

Constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties, with respect to the subject matter contained in this Agreement and supersedes all prior oral or written representation and agreements.

### 2.0 COUNTERPARTS

#### 2.1 This Agreement may only be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

#### 2.2 Both Parties consent to and agree to accept electronic signatures, (as defined in the *Electronic Commerce Act*, 2000), as binding the Parties to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

### 3.0 AMENDING AGREEMENT

#### 3.1 This agreement may only be amended by a written agreement duly executed by the Parties.

### 4.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

#### 4.1 The Recipient acknowledges and agrees:

- (a) It has read and understands the provisions contained in the entire Agreement;
- (b) It will be bound by the terms and conditions in the entire Agreement;
- (c) By receiving and using the Funds provided under this Agreement that it may become subject to the *BPSAA*, the *PSSDA* and the *AGA*;
- (d) The Funds are:

- (i) To assist the Recipient to carry out the Project and not to provide goods or services to the Province, and
- (ii) Funding for the purposes of the *BPSAA*, the *PSSDA* and the *AGA*;
- (e) The Province is not responsible for managing or carrying out the Project; and
- (f) The Province is bound by the *FIPPA* and that any information provided to the Province in connection with the Project or otherwise in connection with the Agreement may be subject to disclosure in accordance with the *FIPPA* or other applicable Requirements Of Law.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the Parties have executed this Agreement on the dates set out below.

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO,**  
as represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Alan Crawley  
Title: Director, Rural Programs Branch

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

I have the authority to bind the Crown pursuant to delegated authority.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Robert Auger  
Title: Town Soliciter

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Date:

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Name: Richard Meloche  
Title: Mayor

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Date:

I have authority to bind the Recipient.

## SCHEDULE “A” GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### ARTICLE 1 INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

**A.1.1 Interpretation.** For the purposes of interpreting the Agreement:

- (a) Unless specifically defined otherwise in this Agreement, words in the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (b) Words in one gender include all genders;
- (c) The headings do not form part of this Agreement; they are for reference purposes only and will not affect the interpretation of the Agreement;
- (d) Any reference to dollars or currency will be in Canadian dollars and currency;
- (e) Any reference to a statute means a statute of the Province of Ontario, unless otherwise indicated;
- (f) Any reference to a statute is to that statute and to the regulations made pursuant to that statute as they may be amended from time to time and to any statute or regulations that may be passed that have the effect of supplanting or superseding that statute or regulation unless a provision of the Agreement provides otherwise; and
- (g) All accounting terms will be interpreted in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and all calculations will be made and all financial data to be submitted will be prepared in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

**A.1.2 Definitions.** In the Agreement, the following terms will have the following meaning:

**“Additional Terms And Conditions”** means the terms and conditions specified in sections A.8.1 and B.2 of this Agreement.

**“AGA”** means the *Auditor General Act, 1990*

**“Agreement”** means this contract between the Province and the Recipient,

**“Arm’s Length”** has the same meaning as set out in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) as it read on the Effective Date of this Agreement, and as treated or defined under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

**“BPSAA”** means the *Broader Public Sector Accountability Act, 2010*.

**“Budget”** means the budget attached to section D.2 of this Agreement.

**“Business Day”** means any working day, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays of the Province and any other day on which the Province is closed for business.

**“Claim Submission Deadline”** means the date or dates set out under section E.1 (b) of this Agreement.

**“Contract”** means an agreement between the Recipient and a third-party whereby the third-party agrees to provide a good or service for the Project in return for financial consideration that may be claimed by the Recipient as an Eligible Cost.

**“Cost-Share Funding Percentage”** means the percentage the Province will pay toward the Recipient’s Eligible Costs, as set out under section D.1.1 of this Agreement.

**“Effective Date”** means the date on which this Agreement is effective, as set out under section B.1.1 of this Agreement.

**“Eligible Costs”** means those costs set out under in the Guidelines and which the Province has approved as eligible for reimbursement under the terms of this Agreement and also includes any additional costs permitted under section D.2 of this Agreement.

**“Event of Default”** has the meaning ascribed to it in section A.14.1 of this Agreement.

**“Expiration Date”** means the date on which this Agreement will expire, as set out under section B.1.2 of this Agreement, unless amended or terminated prior to this date in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**“FAA”** means the *Financial Administration Act*.

**“Failure”** means a failure to comply with any term, condition, obligation under any other agreement that the Recipient has with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario or one of Her agencies.

**“Final Report”** means a final Report on the Project in the form set out in section E.2 (a) of this Agreement.

**“FIPPA”** means the *Ontario Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

**“Funding Year”** means:

- (a) In the case of the first Funding Year, the period commencing on the Effective Date and ending on the following March 31, the Expiration Date, or the termination of this Agreement, whichever comes first; and;
- (b) In the case of Funding Years subsequent to the first Funding Year, the period commencing on April 1 following the end of the previous Funding Year and ending on the following March 31, the Expiration Date, or the termination of this Agreement, whichever comes first.

**“Funds”** means the money the Province provides to the Recipient pursuant to this Agreement.

**“Guidelines”** means the documents of the Province setting out the criteria governing the operation of the Program, that were made available on the Program website, at the time the Recipient applied for funding from the Program

**“Holdback”** means the amount set out under section D.1.3 of this Agreement.

**“Incurred”** in relation to costs, means a cost that a Recipient has become liable for, regardless whether actual payment has occurred.

**“Indemnified Parties”** means Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, Her Ministers, agents, appointees and employees.

**“Ineligible Costs”** means those costs set out in the Guidelines as ineligible for reimbursement by the Province and includes any additional costs identified as ineligible under section D.2.2 of this Agreement.

**“Maximum Funds”** means the maximum amount of Funds the Province will provide to the Recipient under this Agreement, as set out under section D.1.2 of this Agreement.

**“Minister”** means the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs or such other Minister who may be designated from time to time as the responsible Minister in relation to the Program in accordance with the *Executive Council Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 25, as amended.

**“MFIPPA”** means the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

**“Notice”** means any communication given or required to be given pursuant to this Agreement.

**“Notice Period”** means the period of time within which the Recipient is required to remedy an Event of Default, and includes any such period or periods of time by which the Province considers it reasonable to extend that time.

**“Parties”** means the Province and the Recipient.

**“Party”** means either the Province or the Recipient, unless the context implies otherwise.

**“Program”** means the program created by the Province entitled Rural Economic Development Program under *Order-in-Council 201/2011*, as amended.

**“Project”** means the undertaking described in Schedule “C” of this Agreement.

**“Project Approval Date”** means the same as the Effective Date, as set out in section B.1.1 of this Agreement.

**“Project Completion Date”** means the date that the Recipient must complete its Project under this Agreement, as set out in section B.1.3 of Schedule “B” of this Agreement.

**“PSSDA”** means the *Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1996*.

**“Reports”** means the reports set out under Schedule “E” of this Agreement.

**“Requirements of Law”** means all applicable statutes, regulations, by-laws, ordinances, codes, official plans, rules, approvals, permits, licenses, authorizations, orders, decrees, injunctions, directions and agreements with all authorities that now or at any time hereafter may relate to the Recipient, the Project, the Funds and this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, if the Recipient is subject to the *BPSAA*, the *PSSDA* or any other type of broader public sector accountability legislative provisions, those broader public sector accountability legislative provisions are deemed to be a Requirement of Law.

**“Term”** means the period of time beginning on the Effective Date of this Agreement and ending on the Expiration Date or the termination of this Agreement, whichever is shorter.

**“Timelines”** means the Project schedule set out in Schedule “B”.

**A.1.3 Conflict.** Subject to section 8.1 of Schedule “A” of this Agreement, in the event of a conflict between this Schedule “A” of the Agreement and any other Schedule of this Agreement, the terms and conditions set out under this Schedule “A” of the Agreement will prevail.

## ARTICLE A.2 REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS

**A.2.1 General.** The Recipient represents, warrants and covenants that:

- (a) It is, and will continue to be for the Term of this Agreement, an eligible applicant as described in the Guidelines with full power to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) It has, and will continue to have for the Term of this Agreement, the experience and expertise necessary to carry out the Project;
- (c) It has the financial resources necessary to carry out the Project and is not indebted to any person(s) to the extent that that indebtedness would undermine the Recipient’s ability to complete the Project by the Project Completion Date;
- (d) It is in compliance with all Requirements of Law and will remain in compliance with all Requirements of Law for the Term related to any aspect of the Project, the Funds or both for the term of this Agreement; and
- (e) Unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement, any information the Recipient provided to the Province in support of its request for Funds, including any information relating to any eligibility requirements, was true and complete at the time the Recipient provided it.

**A.2.2 Execution of Agreement.** The Recipient represents and warrants that it has:

- (a) The full power and authority to enter into this Agreement; and
- (b) Taken all necessary actions to authorize the execution of this Agreement.

**A.2.3 Governance.** The Recipient represents, warrants and covenants that it has, and will maintain, in writing, for the term of this Agreement:

- (a) A code of conduct and ethical responsibilities for all persons at all levels of the Recipient's organization;
- (b) Procedures to ensure the ongoing effective functioning of the Recipient;
- (c) Procedures to enable the Recipient to manage the Funds prudently and effectively;
- (d) Procedures to enable the Recipient to successfully complete the Project;
- (e) Procedures to enable the Recipient to, in a timely manner, identify risks to the completion of the Project and develop strategies to address those risks;
- (f) Procedures to enable the preparation and delivery of all Reports required under this Agreement; and
- (g) Procedures to enable the Recipient to deal with such other matters as the Recipient considers necessary to ensure that the Recipient carries out its obligations under this Agreement.

**A.2.4 Supporting Documentation.** Upon request, and within the time period indicated in the Notice, the Recipient will provide the Province with proof of the matters referred to in this Article 2 of Schedule "A" of this Agreement.

**A.2.5 Additional Covenants.** The Recipient undertakes to advise the Province within five (5) Business Days of:

- (a) Any changes that affect its representations, warranties and covenants under sections A.2.1, A.2.2 or A.2.3 of this Agreement during the Term of the Agreement;
- (b) Any actions, suits or other proceedings which could or would reasonably prevent the Recipient from complying with the terms and conditions of this Agreement; and
- (c) Any change in ownership or ownership structure.

### **ARTICLE A.3 FUNDS AND CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT**

**A.3.1 Funds Provided.** The Province will:

- (a) Provide Funds to the Recipient up to the Maximum Funds, based on the Cost-Share Funding Percentage, for the sole purpose of carrying out the Project;
- (b) Provide the Funds to the Recipient in accordance with section D.2 of this Agreement provided that the Recipient makes claims for payment of Funds in accordance with section E.1 of this Agreement;
- (c) Provide funding as long as the total combined amount of provincial and federal assistance for the Eligible Costs actually incurred and paid by the Recipient do not exceed ninety per cent (90%) of those costs; and
- (d) Deposit the Funds into an account designated by the Recipient, provided that account:
  - (i) Resides at a Canadian financial institution, and
  - (ii) Is in the name of the Recipient.

**A.3.2 Limitation On Payment Of Funds.** Despite section A.3.1 of this Agreement:

- (a) The Province is not obligated to provide any Funds to the Recipient until the Recipient provides the insurance certificate or other proof as the Province may request pursuant to section A.10.2 of this Agreement;
- (b) The Province is not obligated to provide any Funds until it is satisfied with the progress of the Project;
- (c) The Province may adjust the amount of Funds it provides to the Recipient without liability, penalty or costs in any Funding Year based upon the Province's assessment of the information provided by the Recipient pursuant to Article A.6 of this Agreement;
- (d) If, pursuant to the *FAA*, the Province does not receive the necessary appropriation from the Ontario Legislature for payment under this Agreement, the Province is not obligated to make any such payment, and, as a consequence, the Province may:
  - (i) Reduce the amount of Funds and, in consultation with the Recipient, change the Project without liability, penalty or costs; or
  - (ii) Recover Funds already paid to the Recipient; or
  - (iii) Terminate the Agreement pursuant to section A.13.1 of this Agreement;
- (e) The Province shall impose a Holdback on any payment of Funds and will not be obligated to pay that Holdback to the Recipient until after the Province approves the Recipient's Final Report pursuant to Article A.6 of this Agreement; and
- (f) The Province is not obligated to pay interest on the Holdback as described in (e) or any other payments under this Agreement.

**A.3.3 Use Of Funds And Project.** The Recipient will:

- (a) Carry out the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement;
- (b) Complete the Project by the Project Completion Date;
- (c) Not use the Funds for Ineligible Costs;
- (d) Use the Funds only:
  - (i) For Eligible Costs that are necessary for the purposes of carrying out the Project; and
  - (ii) For those activities set out in section C.3. of this Agreement; and
- (e) Use the Funds only in accordance with the Budget.

**A.3.4 Province's Role Limited To Providing Funds.** For greater clarity, the Province's role under this Agreement is strictly limited to providing Funds to the Recipient for the purposes of the Project and the Province is not responsible for carrying out the Project. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the fact that the Province may conduct reviews and/or audits of the Project as provided for in this Agreement or issues directions, approves changes to the Project or imposes conditions upon an approval in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement will not be construed by the Recipient as the Province having a management, decision-making or advisory role in relation to the Project. The Recipient further agrees that the Recipient will not seek to include the Province as a decision-maker, advisor or manager of the Project through recourse to a third party, court, tribunal or arbitrator.

**A.3.5 No Changes.** The Recipient will not make any changes to the Project, including to the Budget or timelines, without the prior written consent of the Province.

**A.3.6 No Payment of Funds until Eligible Expenses are approved.** The Province will provide the Funds to the Recipient for Eligible Costs upon receipt of proof of the expense and according to the Budget only. The Province shall not advance any of the Funds to the Recipient.

**A.3.7 No Provincial Payment Of Interest.** The Province is not required to pay interest on any Funds under this Agreement. For greater clarity, this includes interest on any Funds that the Province has withheld paying to the Recipient.

**A.3.8 Maximum Funds.** The Recipient acknowledges and agrees that the Funds available to it pursuant to this Agreement will not exceed the Maximum Funds.

**A.3.9 Rebates, Credits And Refunds.** The Recipient acknowledges and agrees that the amount of Funds available to it pursuant to this Agreement is based on the actual costs to the Recipient, less any costs, including taxes, for which the Recipient has received, will receive or is eligible to receive, a rebate, credit or refund.

**A.3.10 Funding, Not Procurement.** The funding the Province is providing under this Agreement is funding for the purposes of the PSSDA.

#### ARTICLE A.4

#### RECIPIENT'S ACQUISITION OF GOODS AND SERVICES AND DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

**A.4.1 Acquisition.** If the Recipient acquires goods or services or both with the Funds, it will:

- (a) Do so through a process that is transparent, fair and promotes the best value for the money expended and at competitive prices that are no greater than fair market value after deducting trade discounts and/or any other discounts available to the Recipient; and
- (b) Comply with any Requirements of Law that may be applicable to how the Recipient acquires any goods or services or both.

**A.4.2 Contracts.** The Recipient will ensure that all Contracts:

- (a) Are consistent with this Agreement;
- (b) Do not conflict with this Agreement;
- (c) Incorporate the relevant provisions of this Agreement to the fullest extent possible;
- (d) Require that any parties to those Contracts comply with all Requirements of Law; and
- (e) Authorize the Province to perform audits of the parties to those Contracts in relation to the Project as the Province sees fit in connection with Article A.6 of this Agreement .

**A.4.3 Disposal.** The Recipient:

- (a) Will, where Ontario's contribution to the cost of an asset created or purchased using the Funds, exceeds twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) at the time of purchase or creation of the asset, retain ownership of the asset for at least two (2) years from the Expiration Date of this Agreement; unless otherwise provided under this Agreement or directed by the Province in writing; and
- (b) Will not, without the Province's prior written consent, lease or otherwise encumber assets referred to under section A.4.3(a) for at least two (2) years from the Expiration Date of this Agreement unless otherwise provided under this Agreement or as the Province directs in writing.

In the event the Recipient does not comply with section A.4.3 of this Agreement, the Province may recover the Funds provided to the Recipient for the assets referred to under section A.4.3.



## ARTICLE A.5 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- A.5.1 *No Conflict Of Interest.*** The Recipient will carry out the Project and use the Funds without an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest.
- A.5.2 *Conflict Of Interest Includes.*** For the purposes of this Article, a conflict of interest includes any circumstances where:
- (a) The Recipient; or
  - (b) Any person who has the capacity to influence the Recipient's decisions, has outside commitments, relationships or financial interests that could, or could be seen to, interfere with the Recipient's objective, unbiased and impartial judgment relating to the Project, the use of the Funds or both.
- A.5.3 *Disclosure To The Province:*** The Recipient will:
- (a) Disclose to the Province, without delay, any situation that a reasonable person would interpret as an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest; and
  - (b) Comply with any terms and conditions that the Province may impose as a result of the disclosure.

## ARTICLE A.6 REPORTING, ACCOUNTING AND REVIEW

- A.6.1 *Preparation And Submission.*** The Recipient will:
- (a) Provide any information that is requested by the Province as the Province directs and within the timeline set out in the direction;
  - (b) Submit to the Province (at the address referred to in section B.1.5 of this Agreement) all Reports in accordance with the timelines and content requirements set out in Schedule "E", or in a form as specified by the Province from time to time and ensure that all reports are:
    - (i) Completed to the satisfaction of the Province; and
    - (ii) Signed on behalf of the Recipient by an authorized signing officer and that the accompanying attestation has been completed.
- A.6.2 *Records Maintenance.*** The Recipient will keep and maintain:
- (a) All financial records, including invoices, relating to the Funds or otherwise to the Project in a manner consistent with generally acceptable accounting principles; and
  - (b) All non-financial documents and records relating to the Funds or otherwise to the Project.
- A.6.3 *Inspection.*** The Province, its authorized representatives or an independent auditor identified by the Province may, at their own expense, upon twenty-four (24) hours' Notice to the Recipient during normal business hours, enter upon the Recipient's premises to review the progress of the Project and the Recipient's allocation and expenditure of the Funds and, for these purposes, the Province, its authorized representatives or an independent auditor identified by the Province may take one or more of the following actions:
- (a) Inspect and copy the records and documents referred to in section A.6.2 of this Agreement;
  - (b) Remove any copies made pursuant to section A.6.3(a) of this Agreement from the Recipient's premises; and
  - (c) Conduct an audit or investigation of the Recipient in respect of the expenditure of the Funds, the Project or both.

**A.6.4 Disclosure.** To assist in respect of the rights set out under section A.6.3 of Schedule “A” of this Agreement, the Recipient will disclose any information requested by the Province, its authorized representatives or an independent auditor identified by the Province and will do so in the form requested by the Province, its authorized representatives or an independent auditor identified by the Province, as the case may be.

**A.6.5 No Control Of Records.** No provision of this Agreement will be construed so as to give the Province any control whatsoever over the Recipient’s records.

**A.6.6 Auditor General.** For greater certainty, the Province’s rights to audit under this Article 6 of the Agreement are in addition to any rights provided to the Auditor General.

## **ARTICLE A.7 COMMUNICATIONS**

**A.7.1 Acknowledgement And Support.** Unless otherwise directed by the Province, the Recipient will:

- (a) acknowledge the support of the Province in the form and manner set out under section B.1.6 of this Agreement.
- (b) The Recipient will indicate, in all of its Project-related publications – whether written, oral or visual – that the views expressed in the publication are the views of the Recipient and do not necessarily reflect those of the Province.

**A.7.2 Publication By The Province.** The Recipient agrees that the Province may, in addition to any obligations the Province may have under FIPPA, publicly release information under this Agreement, including the Agreement itself, in hard copy or in electronic form, on the internet or otherwise.

## **ARTICLE A.8 ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**A.8.1 Additional Terms And Conditions.** The Recipient will comply with any Additional Terms and Conditions set out under section B.2 of this Agreement. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between any of the requirements of the Additional Terms and Conditions and any requirements of this Schedule “A” of the Agreement, the Additional Terms and Conditions will prevail.

## **ARTICLE A.9 INDEMNITY**

**A.9.1 Indemnification.** The Recipient hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties from and against any and all direct or indirect liability, loss, costs, damages and expenses (including legal, expert and consultant fees), causes of action, actions, claims, demands, lawsuits or other proceedings, by whomever made, sustained, incurred, brought or prosecuted, in any way arising out of or in connection with the Project or otherwise in connection with this Agreement, unless solely caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Province.

**A.9.2 Recipient’s Participation.** The Recipient will, at its expense, to the extent requested by the Province, participate in or conduct the defence of any proceeding against any Indemnified Parties and any negotiations for their settlement.

- A.9.3 *Province's Election.*** The Province may elect to participate in or conduct the defence of any proceeding by providing Notice to the Recipient of such election without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the Province under this Agreement, at law or in equity. Each Party participating in the defence will do so by actively participating with the other's counsel.
- A.9.4 *Settlement Authority.*** The Recipient will not enter into a settlement of any proceeding against any Indemnified Parties unless the Recipient has obtained the prior written approval of the Province. If the Recipient is requested by the Province to participate in or conduct the defence of any proceeding, the Province, as the case may be, will co-operate with and assist the Recipient to the fullest extent possible in the proceeding and any related settlement negotiations.
- A.9.5 *Recipient's Co-operation.*** If the Province conducts the defence of any proceedings, the Recipient will co-operate with and assist the Province, as the case may be, to the fullest extent possible in the proceedings and any related settlement negotiations.

## **ARTICLE A.10 INSURANCE**

- A.10.1 *Recipient's Insurance.*** The Recipient represents and warrants that it has, and will maintain for the Term of this Agreement, at its own cost and expense, with insurers having a secure A.M. Best rating of B+ or greater, or the equivalent, all necessary and appropriate insurance that a prudent person carrying out a project similar to the Project would maintain, including commercial general liability insurance on an occurrence basis for third party bodily injury, personal injury and property damage, to an inclusive limit of not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) per occurrence. The policy will include the following:
- (a) A cross-liability clause;
  - (b) Contractual liability coverage;
  - (c) A thirty (30) day written notice of cancellation or termination provision.
- A.10.2 *Proof Of Insurance.*** The Recipient will:
- (a) Upon request of the Province provide the Province with either:
    - (i) Certificates of insurance that confirm the insurance coverage required under section A10.1 of this Schedule "A" is in place within the time limit set out in the request, or
    - (ii) Other proof that confirms the insurance coverage required under section A10.1 of this Schedule "A" is in place within the time limit set out in that request; and
  - (b) In the event that:
    - (i) A claim is made against the Province in relation to this Agreement, and
    - (ii) The insurer does not agree to defend and indemnify the Province in relation to that claim, make available to the Province, upon request and within the time limit set out in that request, a copy of each insurance policy the Recipient is required to have under section A.10.1 of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE A.11 TERMINATION ON NOTICE**

- A.11.1 *Termination On Notice.*** The Province may terminate the Agreement at any time without liability, penalty or costs upon giving at least thirty (30) days' Notice to the Recipient.

**A.11.2 Consequences Of Termination On Notice By The Province.** If the Province terminates this Agreement pursuant to section A.11.1 of this Agreement, the Province may take one or more of the following actions:

- (a) Direct that the Recipient does not incur any costs for the Project that are Eligible Costs under this Agreement without the Province's prior written consent;
- (b) Cancel any further payments of the Funds;
- (c) Demand the repayment of any Funds remaining in the possession or under the control of the Recipient; and
- (d) Determine the reasonable costs for the Recipient to wind down the Project, and do either or both of the following:
  - (i) Permit the Recipient to offset such costs against the amount owing pursuant to section A.12.2(b) of this Agreement; and
  - (ii) Subject to section A.3.8 of this Agreement, provide Funds to the Recipient to cover such costs.

## ARTICLE A.12 TERMINATION WHERE NO APPROPRIATION

**A.12.1 Termination Where No Appropriation.** If, as provided for in sections A.3.2(d) of this Agreement, the Province does not receive the necessary appropriation from the Ontario Legislature for any payment the Province is to make pursuant to this Agreement, the Province may terminate the Agreement immediately without liability, penalty or costs by giving Notice to the Recipient.

**A.12.2 Consequences Of Termination Where No Appropriation.** If the Province terminates this Agreement pursuant to section A.12.1 of this Agreement, the Province may take one or more of the following actions:

- (a) Cancel any further payments of the Funds;
- (b) Demand the repayment of any Funds remaining in the possession or under the control of the Recipient; and
- (c) Determine the reasonable costs for the Recipient to wind down the Project and permit the Recipient to offset such costs against the amount owing pursuant to section A.12.2(b) of this Agreement.

**A.12.3 No Additional Funds.** For greater clarity, if the costs determined pursuant to section A.12.2(c) of this Agreement exceed the Funds remaining in the possession or under the control of the Recipient, the Province will not provide additional Funds to the Recipient.

## ARTICLE A.13 EVENT OF DEFAULT, CORRECTIVE ACTION AND TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

**A.13.1 Events Of Default.** Each of the following events will constitute an Event of Default:

- (a) In the opinion of the Province, the Recipient breaches any representation, warranty, covenant or other term of the Agreement, including failing to do any of the following in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement:
  - (i) Carry out the Project;

- (ii) Use or spend the Funds;
  - (iii) Provide, in accordance with section A.6.1, Reports or any such other reports as may have been requested pursuant to section A.6.1(b), under this Agreement; or
  - (iv) The Recipient fails to follow any directions that the Province provides under this Agreement.
- (b) The Recipient's operations, or its organizational structure, changes such that it no longer meets one or more of the eligibility requirements of the Program under which the Province provides the Funds;
  - (c) The Recipient makes an assignment, proposal, compromise, or arrangement for the benefit of creditors, or a creditor makes an application or an order adjudging the Recipient bankrupt, or applies for the appointment of a receiver; or
  - (d) The Recipient ceases to operate.

**A.13.2 Consequences Of Events Of Default And Corrective Action.** If an Event of Default occurs, the Province may, at any time, take one or more of the following actions:

- (a) Initiate any action the Province considers necessary in order to facilitate the successful continuation or completion of the Project;
- (b) Provide the Recipient with an opportunity to remedy the Event of Default;
- (c) Suspend the payment of Funds for such a period as the Province determines appropriate;
- (d) Reduce the amount of Funds by an amount the Province determines is appropriate, acting reasonably;
- (e) Cancel any further payments of the Funds;
- (f) Demand the repayment of any Funds remaining in the possession or under the control of the Recipient;
- (g) Demand the repayment of an amount equal to any Funds the Recipient used, but did not use in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement;
- (h) Demand the repayment of an amount equal to any Funds the Province provided to the Recipient, even though the Project is partially completed; and
- (i) Terminate this Agreement at any time, including immediately, without liability, penalty or costs to the Province upon giving Notice to the Recipient.

**A.13.3 Opportunity To Remedy.** If, in accordance with section A.13.2(b) of this Agreement, the Province provides the Recipient with an opportunity to remedy the Event of Default, the Province will provide Notice to the Recipient of:

- (a) The particulars of the Event of Default; and
- (b) The Notice Period.

**A.13.4 Recipient Not Remediating.** If the Province has provided the Recipient with an opportunity to remedy the Event of Default pursuant to section A.13.2(b) of this Agreement, and;

- (a) The Recipient does not remedy the Event of Default within the Notice Period;
- (b) It becomes apparent to the Province that the Recipient cannot completely remedy the Event of Default within the Notice Period; or
- (c) The Recipient is not proceeding to remedy the Event of Default in a way that is satisfactory to the Province;

the Province may extend the Notice Period or initiate any one or more of the actions provided for in sections A.13.2(a), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i) of this Agreement.

**A.13.5 *When Termination Effective.*** Termination under Article A.13 of this Agreement will take effect as set out in the Notice.

#### **ARTICLE A.14 LIMITED TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

**A.14.1 *Limited Termination Of Agreement.*** Without limiting the Province's rights under this Agreement, if the Province exercises its right of termination pursuant to Articles A.11, A.12 or A.13 of this Agreement, the Province may limit such termination to one or more activities set out under Article C.3 of this Agreement without terminating this Agreement as a whole.

**A.14.2 *Impact Of Limited Termination Of The Agreement.*** If the Province exercises its right under section A.14.1 of this Agreement, the Province will adjust the Funds being provided under this Agreement to account for the limited termination and the remainder of the Agreement not terminated will remain in effect.

#### **ARTICLE A.15 FUNDS AT THE END OF A FUNDING YEAR**

**A.15.1 *Funds At The End Of A Funding Year.*** Without limiting any rights of the Province under Article A.13 of this Agreement, if the Recipient has not spent all of the Funds allocated for the Funding Year as provided for in the Budget, the Province may, at its sole and absolute discretion, adjust the amount of any further payments of Funds accordingly.

#### **ARTICLE A.16 REPAYMENT**

**A.16.1 *Repayment Of Overpayment.*** If at any time during the Term of this Agreement the Province provides Funds in excess of the amount to which the Recipient is eligible to receive under this Agreement, the Province may:

- (a) Deduct an amount equal to the excess Funds from any further payments of the Funds; or
- (b) Demand that the Recipient pay an amount equal to the excess Funds to the Province.

**A.16.2 *Interest Rate.*** The Province may charge the Recipient interest on any money owing by the Recipient at the then current interest rate charged by the Province of Ontario on accounts receivable.

**A.16.3 *Payment Of Money To Province.*** The Recipient will pay any money owing to the Province by cheque payable to the "Ontario Minister of Finance" and delivered to the Province at the address referred to in section 18.1 of Schedule "A" of this Agreement.

**A.16.4 *Repayment.*** Without limiting the application of section 43 of the *FAA*, if the Recipient fails to repay any amount owing under this Agreement, Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario may deduct any unpaid amount from any money payable to the Recipient by Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario.

**A.16.5 Funds Are Part Of A Social Or Economic Program.** The Recipient acknowledges and agrees that any Funds provided under this Agreement are for the administration of social or economic programs or the provision of direct or indirect support to members of the public in connection with social or economic policy.

## **ARTICLE A.17 NOTICE**

**A.17.1 Notice In Writing And Addressed.** Notice will be in writing and will be delivered by email, postage-paid mail, personal delivery or fax and will be addressed to the Province and the Recipient respectively as set out in section B.1.7 of this Agreement or as either Party later designates to the other by Notice.

**A.17.2 Notice Given.** Notice will be deemed to have been given:

- (a) In the case of postage-paid mail, five (5) Business Days after the Notice is mailed; or
- (b) In the case of email, personal delivery or fax, one (1) Business Day after the Notice is delivered.

**A.17.3 Postal Disruption.** Despite section A.17.2(a) of this Agreement, in the event of a postal disruption,

- (a) Notice by postage-prepaid mail will not be deemed to be received; and
- (b) The Party giving Notice will provide Notice by email, personal delivery or fax.

## **ARTICLE A.18 CONSENT BY PROVINCE AND COMPLIANCE BY RECIPIENT**

**A.18.1 Consent.** When the Province provides its consent pursuant to this Agreement, that consent will not be considered valid unless that consent is in writing and the person providing that consent indicates in the consent that that person has the specific authority to provide that consent. The Province may also impose any terms and conditions on such consent and the Recipient will comply with such terms and conditions.

## **ARTICLE A.19 SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS**

**A.19.1 Invalidity Or Unenforceability Of Any Provision.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision in this Agreement will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement. Any invalid or unenforceable provision will be deemed to be severed.

## **ARTICLE A.20 WAIVER**

**A.20.1 Waivers In Writing.** If a Party fails to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement that Party may only rely on a waiver of the other Party if the other Party has provided a written waiver in accordance with the Notice provisions in Article A.17 of this Agreement. Any waiver must refer to a specific failure to comply and will not have the effect of waiving any subsequent failures to comply. For greater clarity, where the Province chooses to waive a term or condition of this Agreement, such waiver will only be binding if provided by a person who indicates in writing that he or she has the specific authority to provide such a waiver.

## ARTICLE A.21 INDEPENDENT PARTIES

**A.21.1 *Parties Independent.*** The Recipient acknowledges and agrees that it is not an agent, joint venturer, partner or employee of the Province and the Recipient will not represent itself in any way that might be taken by a reasonable person to suggest that it is or take any actions that could establish or imply such a relationship.

## ARTICLE A.22 ASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT OR FUNDS

**A.22.1 *No Assignment.*** The Recipient will not, without the prior written consent of the Province, assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement.

**A.22.2 *Agreement Binding.*** All rights and obligations contained in this Agreement will extend to and be binding on the Parties' respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns.

## ARTICLE A.23 GOVERNING LAW

**A.23.1 *Governing Law.*** This Agreement and the rights, obligations and relations of the Parties will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the applicable federal laws of Canada. Any actions or proceedings arising in connection with this Agreement will be conducted in the Courts of Ontario, which will have exclusive jurisdiction over such proceedings.

## ARTICLE A.24 FURTHER ASSURANCES

**A.24.1 *Agreement Into Effect.*** The Recipient will provide such further assurances as the Province may request from time to time with respect to any matter to which the Agreement pertains and will otherwise do or cause to be done all acts or things necessary to implement and carry into effect the terms and conditions of this Agreement to their full extent.

## ARTICLE A.25 JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY

**A.25.1 *Joint And Several Liability.*** Where the Recipient comprises more than one entity, all such entities will be jointly and severally liable to the Province for the fulfillment of the obligations of the Recipient under this Agreement.

## ARTICLE A.26 RIGHTS AND REMEDIES CUMULATIVE

**A.26.1 *Rights And Remedies Cumulative.*** The rights and remedies of the Province under this Agreement are cumulative and are in addition to, and not in substitution of, any of its rights and remedies provided by law or in equity.

## ARTICLE A.27 JOINT AUTHORSHIP



**A.27.1 *Joint Authorship Of Agreement.*** The Parties will be considered joint authors of this Agreement and no provision herein will be interpreted against one Party by the other Party because of authorship. No Party will seek to avoid a provision herein because of its authorship through recourse to a third party, court, tribunal or arbitrator.

## **ARTICLE A.28 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH OTHER AGREEMENT**

**A.28.1 *Other Agreements.*** If the Recipient:

- (a) Has committed a Failure;
- (b) Has been provided with notice of such Failure in accordance with the requirements of such other agreement;
- (c) Has, if applicable, failed to rectify such Failure in accordance with the requirements of such other agreement; and
- (d) Such Failure is continuing,

the Province may suspend the payment of Funds under this Agreement without liability, penalty or costs for such period as the Province determines appropriate.

## **ARTICLE A.29 SURVIVAL**

**A.29.1 *Survival.*** The provisions of this Agreement that by their nature survive the expiration or early termination of this Agreement will so survive for a period of seven (7) years from the date of expiry or termination. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following Articles and sections, and all applicable cross-referenced sections and schedules will continue in full force and effect for a period of seven (7) years from the date of expiry or termination: Articles A.1 and any other applicable definitions, A.9, A.16, A.17, A.19, A.20, A.23, A.24, A.26, A.27, and A.28 as well as sections A.3.2, A.3.4, A.3.8, A.3.9, A.6.1 (to the extent that the Recipient has not provided the Reports to the satisfaction of the Province), A.6.2, A.6.3, A.6.4, A.6.5, A.6.6, A.11.2, A.12.2, A.13.1, A.13.2, A.13.4 of this Agreement and any cross-referenced Schedules therein as well as any other provision in this Agreement that specifically sets out it will survive the expiration or early termination of this Agreement. Despite the above, section A.4.3 of this Agreement shall survive for a period of two (2) years from the date of expiry or termination of this Agreement.

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## SCHEDULE “B” OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### ARTICLE B.1 OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

**B.1.1 Effective Date.** The Effective Date of this Agreement is: **April 4, 2022**

**B.1.2 Expiration Date.** The Expiration Date of this Agreement is: **March 31, 2024**

**B.1.3 Project Completion Date.** The Project Completion Date is: **March 31, 2023**

The Project Completion Date may be extended at the request of the Recipient by up to 6 months, provided that:

- (a) The proposed extended date is at least 6 months prior to the Expiration Date
- (b) The request is made in writing to the address in section B.1.6 of this Agreement; and
- (c) The request is approved by the Province in writing.

Extensions of the Project Completion Date not being at least 6 months prior to the Expiration Date will require a written amendment to this Agreement duly executed by the Parties.

**B.1.4 Submission Of Publications For Approval And Reports.** All Reports and Project-related publications under this Agreement shall be submitted to:

**Name:** Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

**Address:** Rural Programs Branch  
4th Floor NW, 1 Stone Road West  
Guelph, Ontario N1G 4Y2

**Attention:** Administrative Service Representative, Agriculture and Rural Programs Unit

**Email:** RED@ontario.ca

or any other person identified by the Province in writing.

**B.1.5 Recognition Of Provincial Support:** In addition to the requirements under section A.7.1 of this Agreement, the Recipient will acknowledge the Province’s support for the Project in the following manner: “The project is funded in part by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs”.

**B.1.6 Providing Notice.** All Notices under this Agreement shall be provided to:

	The Province:	The Recipient:
<b>Name:</b>	Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs	The Corporation of the Town of Essex
<b>Address:</b>	Rural Programs Branch 4th Floor NW, 1 Stone Road West Guelph, Ontario N1G 4Y2	33 Talbot St S. Essex, Ontario N8M 1A8
<b>Attention:</b>	Director, Rural Programs Branch	Nelson Silveira, Economic Development Officer
<b>Email:</b>	RED@ontario.ca	nsilveira@essex.ca

or any other person identified by the Parties in writing through a Notice.

## ARTICLE B.2 ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### **B.2.1 Notice Of Recipient's Insolvency.** The Recipient will:

- (a) Provide the Province with Notice at least five (5) Business Days prior to making an assignment, proposal, compromise or arrangement for the benefit of its creditors and will not incur any additional costs for the Project under this Agreement without the Province's prior written consent from the date the Notice is sent to the Province; and
- (b) Provide the Province with Notice within five (5) Business Days of a creditor providing the Recipient with a notice of an intent to enforce security or applying for an order adjudging the Recipient bankrupt or the appointment of a receiver, and will not incur any additional costs under this Agreement without the prior approval of the Province from the date that the Recipient received notice of the creditor's action.

### **B.2.2 Special Circumstances** The Parties recognize and acknowledge, that at the time of entering into this Agreement; due to restrictions under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, and its regulations, put in place in response to an ongoing pandemic known as the CoVID19 pandemic; there were and continue to be limitations on the activities permitted under law (the "Limitations").

#### **B.2.2.1 Notice of Special Circumstances** Should the Limitations, defined in section B.2.2 of this Agreement, result in a delay in completing the Project or Reports; the Recipient shall immediately notify the Province in writing. The notification from the Recipient should include:

- (i) The specific reasons for the delay;
- (ii) The nature of the delay; and
- (iii) What the Recipient has done and plans to do to mitigate the delay.

#### **B.2.2.2 Response to Notice of Special Circumstances** Upon receiving a Notice of Special Circumstances (as described in section B.2.2.1 of this Agreement) from the Recipient; the Province will, acting reasonably and in a timely manner, take the following steps;

- (i) Review the notification provided by the Recipient to determine what possible action(s), if any, could be taken to advance the successful completion of the Project;
- (ii) Provide the Recipient with Notice of the Province's determination of what actions will be taken in response to the Notice of Special Circumstances provided by the Recipient, (including any actions the Recipient will be required to take to address the Special Circumstances); and
- (iii) Prepare any amendments to the Agreement which the Province determines at its sole and absolute discretion, are needed.

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## **SCHEDULE “C” PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**C.1 PROJECT NAME**

Agritourism Ambassador Program and Toolkit

**C.2 PROJECT STREAM**

Economic Diversification and Competitiveness Stream

**C.3 PROJECT OBJECTIVE**

The Town of Essex will develop a toolkit to help diversify farmers and producers business and attract new markets for their goods and services.

<b>PROJECT ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING INCLUDE</b>
Agritourism Ambassador Program
Agritourism Toolkit

All activities identified above will be completed by the Project Completion Date identified under section B.1.3 of this Agreement.

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## SCHEDULE "D"

### PROJECT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### ARTICLE D.1 FUNDING INFORMATION

- D.1.1 Cost-Share Funding Percentage.** The Cost-Share Funding Percentage is fifty per cent (50.00%) of incurred paid Eligible Costs up to the Maximum Funds.  
[Note that for payment purposes the percentage is calculated to 10 decimal places and is based on the Maximum Funds against the Project's Total Eligible Costs.]
- D.1.2 "Maximum Funds".** The Maximum Funds the Recipient is eligible to receive from the Province under this Agreement is \$10,500.00
- D.1.3 Holdback.** The Holdback will be up to ten per cent (10%) of Maximum Funds from the final payment of Funds made under this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE D.2 COSTS

- D.2.1 Eligible Costs.** Eligible Costs are those costs or percentage of a cost defined as Eligible Costs in the Guidelines and are limited to costs which the Province has determined, at its sole and absolute discretion, to be costs properly and reasonably incurred, paid or reimbursed by the Recipient, and are necessary for the successful completion of the Project.

For greater clarity, Eligible Costs are those costs that are:

- (a) Incurred by the Recipient in the Province of Ontario on or after the Effective Date and on or before the Project Completion Date;
- (b) Paid by the Recipient to an Arm's Length third party;
- (c) Consistent with the applicable list of Eligible Costs set out in the Guidelines from time to time;
- (d) If related to travel or meals, are consistent with the requirements for travel and meal costs set out in section D.3.1 of this Agreement; and
- (e) In the Province's sole and absolute discretion, directly attributable and necessary for the successful completion of the Project and properly and reasonably incurred, paid or reimbursed by the Recipient.

When purchasing goods or services for the Project, Recipients must follow a process that is transparent and fair, that promotes the best value for the money expended and is at competitive prices that are no greater than the fair market value, including when retaining consultants and contractors.

- D.2.2 Incurring Eligible Costs.** The Recipient will incur Eligible Costs as described in section D.2.1 and in accordance with the following Project Budget chart and no later than by the Project Completion Date:

BUDGET OF PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTION					
FUNDING YEAR	QUARTER 1 (APR. – JUN.)	QUARTER 2 (JUL. – SEP.)	QUARTER 3 (OCT. – DEC.)	QUARTER 4 (JAN. – MAR.)	FUNDING YEAR TOTAL
The lesser of 50.00% of Eligible Costs, up to the maximum listed below:					
2022-23	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$10,500.00
2023-24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2024-25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MAXIMUM PROVINCIAL FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT					<b>\$10,500.00</b>

**D.2.3** **Ineligible Costs.** Ineligible Costs are any costs that do not meet the requirements for Eligible Costs in section D.2.1 of this Agreement or were not approved by the Province in writing before the Recipient incurred the costs. Ineligible Costs include but are not limited to:

- (a) Any cost incurred prior to the Effective Date or after the Project Completion Date;
- (b) Any cost that will be funded or reimbursed through any other agreement with any third party other than other ministries, agencies and organizations of the Government of Ontario.
- (c) Any cost associated with providing any Reports to the Province pursuant to Schedule “E” or other information required by the Province; and
- (d) Any cost associated with lobbying the Province, including other Ministries, agencies and organizations of the Government of Ontario;

### ARTICLE D.3 TRAVEL AND MEAL COSTS

**D.3.1** In order to be considered Eligible Costs, travel and meal costs must be:

- (a) Identified in section C.3 of this agreement
- (b) Incurred only by persons who were hired to work 100 per cent of their time on the Project and whose position is reimbursed by the Funds;
- (c) Aligned with the most current Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive (a copy will be provided upon request).

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## SCHEDULE “E” PAYMENTS AND REPORTS

**E.1 Claim Submission Requirements.** The Recipient shall submit claims electronically using the Province’s claims portal. Instructions on receiving access to the portal will be provided to the Recipient by the Province at the time of approval. Claims shall be provided as set out in the table below. Claims are not considered delivered until reviewed and approved by the Province.

Name of Claim		Due Date
(a)	Progress Update and Claim Statement	A minimum of one claim must be submitted prior to the final claim, unless waived at the sole and absolute direction of the Province.
(b)	Final claim	The final claim is to be completed and submitted to the Province within three (3) months of the Project Completion Date.

**E.2 Reporting Requirements.** Reports shall be provided as set out in the table below. Reports are not considered delivered until reviewed and approved by the Province.

Name of Report		Due Date
1.	Final Report	The Final Report is to be completed and submitted to the Province on or before: <b>Project Completion + 4 months</b> A copy of the Final Report Template will be provided to you upon request.
2.	Other Reports Any other Report regarding the Project or evidence of project completion that the Province requests.	As directed by the Province.

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