Public Consultation Strategy for Jabulani Vineyard and Winery Zoning By-law Amendment (Minor)

Jabulani Vineyard and Winery has been open to the public since 2011. Since that time, it has become an integral part of the community, and its continued growth has been supported by the community.

Our Ward Councillor, Scott Moffatt, has fully supported the winery and has so from the beginning. He introduced the motion to council to support our license. He has officiated the opening of the winery. Likewise, Mayor Watson has attended rural events at the winery and included us in all of his Rural Expo events at City Hall. Mayor Watson has also included our wines at Queen's Park to promote Ottawa's agrotourism business. Our neighbours have embraced the winery to the extent of partnering with us for events, participating in harvest and vine maintenance as well as working on the tasting patio and helping with our charity events. Local community groups such the Richmond Village Association have used our facilities to assist in raising funds for their projects and the Richmond Food Bank benefits as our main local charity from which the proceeds from our wine tasting events go. Outside of that, we have assisted, with our wine tasting events, to support Ottawa charities such as Roberts Smart Center, Wounded Warriors, Canadian Guide Dogs and Multiple Sclerosis.

We have notified our immediate neighbours about the zoning change. All of whom have worked here, either as an employee or as a volunteer at Jabulani. The other neighbours, along Jock Trail, as mentioned above, are customers of the winery.

No increase in traffic is expected due to this amendment.

We have also notified the Munster Community Organization as they are the closest town to the property (5.2km).

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