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To the Grand Trunk Renewal Ad Hoc Committee and Working Group members,

On behalf of Chair Dan Mathieson and me as Vice-Chair and as a member of Stratford City Council, thank you for the time, wisdom, and commitment you've given to this committee.

About two years ago, we came together with a bold idea: that the Grand Trunk site could once again shape Stratford's future as profoundly as it once shaped our past. As this committee's term concludes at the end of September, it's a good time to appreciate how far we've come.

Together, we've built a vision that honours diverse community voices and sets out a practical, yet ambitious roadmap. It's not easy to steward a project of this scale, but we've struck a balance—laying the foundation for a neighbourhood that will rejuvenate this site and become a defining part of Stratford's next chapter.

The Master Plan revision recommendations, included in this package, demonstrate the evolution of our work together. They reflect our better understanding of the site's significance, its challenges, and our changing realities. That adaptability is a strength, and it will help ensure this project endures.

Once again, thank you. Your contributions will leave a legacy for future generations of Stratford residents.

With gratitude,

Martin Ritsma, Mayor

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