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To the residents of Kawartha Lakes:

This past week has been one of reflection and learning for the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service. Like so many others, we watched in dismay as George Floyd pleaded for assistance before his tragic and preventable death. Anytime someone dies in the custody of the police, our system has failed. The police are sworn to protect everyone in our community, regardless of ethnicity, age, gender, religion or sexual orientation. We know that, too often, we have failed to live up to that ideal and that there is still work to be done.

Many of us will never know the pain and suffering endured by those who have grown up as a visible minority or indigenous person in the United States and, yes, here in Canada too. We know that the path to reconciliation will require uncomfortable and painful discussions if we are truly to bring about change. We do not profess to have the answers, but we are committed to being a leading agent of change. We also recognize that this commitment must be more than mere words. We are here to listen, to reflect, to understand, to be accountable, and to take action against racism.

The City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service has a 163-year tradition of serving the citizens of our great community. We are proud of our heritage and we will do everything in our power to live up to your expectations. The police are, first and foremost, public servants and that service must be applied fairly and equally to all.

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Mark Mitchell
Chief of Police

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Tom Hickey
Inspector – Operations

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Debbie Hemminger
Director of Information Services

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Joe Bell
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