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Open Letter to CAO/Clerk, Council and the residents of Tumbler Ridge,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Council and residents of the Township of Madawaska Valley, located in the County of Renfrew. As a small rural municipality with a population of 4,000, we understand the profound connections that exist within tight-knit communities like ours and yours.

Families know each other, play together, and support one another through both joyous and challenging times. We are deeply saddened to learn about the recent tragic events that have impacted your community.

It is without question that every member of Tumbler Ridge will feel the weight of this loss, both personally and collectively. Please accept our sincerest condolences and extend them to all of those affected by this heart-wrenching situation.

As municipal leaders, we recognize that your Council and staff are navigating not only professional responsibilities but also personal grief as you guide your community through these harrowing times. The implications of such events are lasting, affecting every aspect of community life.

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Madawaska Valley, we wish to convey our unwavering support, compassion and prayers for strength and resilience as you face these challenges. In moments like these, words can seem inadequate; yet we want you to know that we see the remarkable strength, compassion and unity that define your community.

Please remember that you do not walk this path alone. We stand beside you- as a municipality, a community, and fellow Canadians with heartfelt sympathy and unwavering solidarity. Our flags will be lowered and will remain at half mast until February 17, 2026.

David Shulist

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