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Dear City of Port Colborne,

**Subject: Request for Extension of Closure for West Street Road Until April 30, 2024**

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I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to address the pressing need to extend the closure of West Street Road until April 30, 2024, due to essential safety concerns and ongoing construction activities in the area.

As you are aware, the closure of West Street Road has been in effect for several years, initially intended for reopening by December 2023. However, unforeseen delays in the construction schedule have emerged as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic and its effect on labor and supply chain, which has impacted the completion timeline.

Primarily, our imperative concern revolves around the safety of the public and workers involved in the ongoing construction projects along West Street. The execution of masonry brickwork necessitates the use of scaffolding, which poses inherent risks and hazards to pedestrians and vehicular traffic passing through the area. Ensuring a safe environment during this critical phase of construction remains our paramount priority.

Furthermore, essential road works along West Street are yet to be finalized, compelling us to maintain the closure to facilitate the completion of these crucial infrastructural enhancements. The completion of these road works is fundamental to ensuring the safety and durability of the thoroughfare for all future users.

In light of these circumstances, it is imperative to extend the closure of West Street Road until April 30, 2024, to guarantee the seamless execution of construction activities, ensuring the highest standards of safety and quality for the residents and visitors of Port Colborne.

We deeply appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. If you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at 289-969-7008 or via email at jfrank@rankin.ca.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

**Jim Frank, P.Eng., MBA**  
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