

## **Media Release**

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### **Working with and assisting Six Nations Elected Council to strengthen a new partnership**

The Six Nations of the Grand River and Walton Development and Management are pleased to announce a new Capacity Funding Agreement (the "Agreement"). The Agreement provides a basis for Walton and Six Nations to carry out open discussions respecting Walton's proposals for development projects in the County of Brant, and commits the necessary time and resources to create mutually beneficial opportunities.

The Agreement ensures that both parties are adequately resourced to review technical materials and understand technical aspects of individual projects. In addition to Walton's capacity support, the Agreement sets out clear guidelines for ongoing development of the partnership between Walton and Six Nations, ensuring a consistent framework that binds both groups to transparency and a collaborative approach.

"The Agreement is tangible evidence of Walton's commitment to fairness, consultation and community partnership and we're delighted to be working towards a genuine collaboration with Six Nations", said Bill Doherty, CEO of Walton International Group.

Chief Bill Montour said, "Six Nations has taken a proactive approach with respect to Walton's consultation efforts, as we do with any proposal that creates opportunities for jobs and respect for our culture and heritage".

"Creating an environment where there is the capacity to meaningfully participate in consultation is an important step and the Agreement will help achieve this," said Bill Doherty.

### **About Capacity Funding Agreements**

Capacity Funding Agreements are agreements that require proponents to provide the necessary financial resources to Six Nations so that it may properly evaluate the business transaction and ensure that Six Nations' rights and interests are protected. The Agreements may also provide for future agreements to be negotiated where monetary or non-monetary benefits could accrue to Six Nations. These agreements are commonplace and are designed to assist in the following ways:

- Assist Six Nations' consultation and engagement capacity, as well as continue the organizational capacity and specific expertise to better engage Walton to achieve mutually beneficial arrangements.
- Assist in continuing to develop and improve relationships and partnerships between Six Nations and Walton.

## **About Six Nations of the Grand River**

### Vision Statement:

With the knowledge of our Haudenosaunee culture, our people will enjoy a healthy, content, safe and self-sustaining community governed by a united and accountable government structure, exercising its jurisdiction and nationhood.

### Mission Statement:

Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council is committed to ensure the well-being of our people and is dedicated to protect and advance our languages, culture, land rights, and the environment. We will strive to achieve economic prosperity to improve the quality life for all our citizens.

The Six Nations of the Grand River is the largest populated First Nations community in Canada, with a total membership of 26,000 plus. Located at the centre of the Greater Golden Horseshoe of southern Ontario, the community is a short drive from Toronto, the American border, major railway lines, many major highways and three international airports. The territory is located approximately 25km southwest of Hamilton between the cities of Brantford, Caledonia and Hagersville.

## **About Walton**

Walton International is a real estate investment and land development company with nearly 13,000 acres of land owned or managed in Ontario, including markets in Niagara, Brant County, Simcoe and Ottawa (South). Walton's 47-person Ontario team is made up of people who call each of our communities home. These dedicated, long-time residents are a testament to Walton's commitment to build neighbourhoods where families can live, work and play. Globally, Walton's land-based retail investment and development group manages 74, 000 acres with over 84,500 clients worldwide.

Founded by the Doherty Family in 1979 and headquartered in Calgary, the Walton Group employs over 677 people globally, managing over \$3.7 CAD billion of pre-development and development assets in Alberta, Ontario, Arizona, Texas, Georgia, Washington DC, North and South Carolina, Florida and California.

Walton's vision is the creation of genuine hometowns. This comes from Walton's ability to create fully master-planned communities that include residential and commercial options, business parks and large scale employment areas, underpinned by a commitment to long-term sustainability.

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