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Your Worship,

Happy New Year to you, your family and your municipality; I hope this message finds you in good health.

I am a principal with GTA Strategies, a lobbying and consulting firm (www.gtastrategies.com). I am writing on behalf of our client, Aero Future Canada (<https://www.aerofuture-canada.com/>), who has partnered with drone manufacturer EHang to bring their line of AAVs - autonomous aerial vehicles (drones) - to Canada. We are writing to you today to inform you of potential changes to drone use in Canada.

The current weight load capacity for drone vehicles in Canada is 150kg, but any designs exceeding this limit can be assessed by the Ministry of Transportation for approval. The drones being brought in by Aero Future Canada have a load capacity of up to 400 kg, and a flight range of up to 700km. They are also able to run on multiple fuel sources, including diesel and electric.

Our office is currently in contact with Transport Canada to have these vehicles approved for use in Canada, and are working closely with Federal and Provincial Members of Parliament across Canada. This technology could prove invaluable in assisting your community with everything from urban and rural firefighting, search-and-rescue operations for police services, medical transport, delivery of goods to indigenous communities, and more. I was fortunate enough to visit the testing facility for these drones, and to see several of their designs in person - please see attached photo.

We are seeking your assistance in testing these drones in your municipality in the immediate future.

Attached is a letter from Judy Xie, Aero-Future Canada's founder, outlining our request. We would like to schedule a virtual meeting with your office to introduce these drones in greater detail, and to discuss the review process for their use in Canada. I can be reached at the coordinates below or through my assistant Faith Miralles at 416-499-4588 ext. 107 or at faith@gtastrategies.com to set up an appointment.

Thank you very much for your time, we look forward to speaking with you.

Thank you,

Wishing you a Happy New Year full of health and wealth to you, your family and employees.

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