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Dear Board Members,

We are pleased to submit to you the report on the Tofte Town Center Project for your further review, discussions, and decision-making.

The report discusses the purpose, the process, the context of the project as well as all of the design options considered by the community.

It was a pleasure working with you and the people of Tofte.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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The Tofte Town Center Community Design Project is a community-driven design and planning project that explored options for the creation of a town center in Tofte, Minnesota. Escalating land values and increasing development pressures have led the community to rethink future development patterns and consider options that secure economic viability while preserving the natural character of the region. As a proactive community, Tofte first engaged in a comprehensive planning process and now a community design process to identify design and planning options that support the livelihood and character of local community life.