



**TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT
COUNCIL AGENDA
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.**

- 1. MOTION TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)**
- 2. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**
- 3. MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**
- 5. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT**
- 6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
 - 6.1 Council Meeting Minutes February 10, 2014**

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as presented:

Regular Council Meeting February 10, 2014.

- 7. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**
 - 7.1 Grants to Groups**
- 8. PUBLIC MEETINGS**
 - 8.1 REPORT NO. DS 2014-07
Zone Change Application 01/14
Safeguard Homes Ltd.
Part of Lot 12, Plan 16
Part 2, Plan 58R-16067
Charlotta Street/Christian Street, Baden**

Recommendation

THAT Zone Change Application 01/14 made by Safeguard Homes Ltd. affecting Part of Lot 12, Plan 16, being Part 2, Plan 58R-16067 be approved to add a Residential Building – Semi-Detached as a permitted use and to decrease the lot area requirement for future title separation to 250m².

Registered Delegations

Larry Stuart
Derek Snyder

- 8.2 REPORT NO. DS 2014-08
Zone Change Application 02/14
Lisa and Kimberley Winn
Part of Lot 53, Plan 1293
Parts 1 and 2, Plan 58R-2539
425 Huron Street, New Hamburg

Recommendation

THAT Zone Change Application 02/14 made by Lisa and Kimberley Winn, affecting Part of Lot 53, Plan 1293, being Part 1 and 2, Plan 58R-2539 be approved to permit a dwelling unit to be located within an accessory structure, and to increase the maximum area and height of an accessory structure to 148m² and 6.0m respectively.

9. REPORTS

- 9.1 CAO – no reports

9.2 CLERKS

- 9.2.1 REPORT NO. CL 2014-06
RFP 2013 – 33 Legal Counsel For The Township of Wilmot

Recommendation

THAT Miller Thomson LLP be awarded the Contract for legal counsel for The Township of Wilmot for a three (3) year term affective April 1st, 2014.

9.3 FINANCE

- 9.3.1 REPORT NO. FIN 2014-11
Honorariums and Expenditures of Council Members and
Council Appointees for the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Recommendation

THAT Finance Report FIN 2014-11, prepared by the Director of Finance, be adopted.

- 9.3.2 REPORT NO. FIN 2014-12
Treasurer's Statement – Development Charges Reserve Funds

Recommendation

THAT the Development Charges Statement for the year ended December 31, 2013, prepared by the Director of Finance, be received for information purposes.

9.4 PUBLIC WORKS

- 9.4.1 REPORT NO. PW-2014-02
Repairs to Bridge No. 37/B-OXF
Oxford-Waterloo Road**

Recommendation

THAT the quotation submitted by Theo Vandenberg Construction Inc. for repairs to Structure No. 37/B-OXF located on Oxford-Waterloo Road, in the amount of \$133,539.65, net of the HST, be accepted.

9.5 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- 9.5.1 REPORT NO. DS 2014-06
January Building Statistics**

Recommendation

THAT the January 2014 Building Statistics be received for information.

9.6 FACILITIES AND RECREATION SERVICES

- 9.6.1 REPORT NO. PRD 2014-02
Accessibility Advisory Committee
2013-2014 Accessibility Report**

Recommendation

THAT report PRD 2014-02 regarding the 2013-2014 Facility Tour Report Summary undertaken by the Accessibility Advisory Committee, be received for information.

- 9.6.2 REPORT NO. PRD 2014-03
Tender 2014-02, Supply Parks Maintenance Tractor and Attachments**

Recommendation

THAT Brant Tractor be awarded Tender 2014-02 to supply a New Steiner 440 Diesel LC tractor with Deluxe Cab and Attachments, for the bid price of \$36,310.51 plus HST.

- 9.7 FIRE – no reports**

- 9.8 CASTLE KILBRIDE – no reports**

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Grand River Conservation Authority – Grand Actions, January/February 2014
10.2 Grand River Conservation Authority – GRCA Current, February 2014**

Recommendation

THAT Correspondence Items 10.1 to 10.2 be received for information.

- 10.3 City of Kitchener – City Council Resolution Regarding Bill 6, Great Lakes Protection Act, 2013**

Recommendation

WHEREAS there is an urgent and pressing need for a new, strong and effective law to protect and restore the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River basin; and

WHEREAS 3 of Ontario's 4 great Lakes are in decline and provide more than 80% of the Province's drinking water; and,

WHEREAS over 95% of Ontario's agricultural land is in the Great Lakes basin and the health of the lakes contributes \$4.4 trillion to the economy in both Canada and the United States;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Legislature be requested to enact Bill 6, Great Lakes Protection Act, 2013 to protect and restore the health of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River basin; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Opposition Critics for the Environment, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

11. BY-LAWS

- 11.1 By-law No. 2014-09, Zone Change Application 01/14, Safeguard Homes Ltd., Part of Lot 12, Plan 16, Part 2, Plan 58R-16067, Charlotta Street/Christian Street, Baden**
- 11.2 By-law No. 2014-10, Zone Change Application 02/14, Lisa and Kimberley Winn, Part of Lot 53, Plan 1293, Parts 1 and 2, Plan 58R-2539, 425 Huron Street, New Hamburg**
- 11.3 By-law No. 2014-11, By-Law Respecting the Appointment of a Chief Building Official, Inspectors and Plans Examiners**

Recommendation

THAT By-law Nos. 2014-09, 2014-10 and 2014-11 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**13. QUESTIONS/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS****14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

15. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

15.1 By-law No. 2014-12

Recommendation

THAT By-law No. 2014-12 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Meeting held on March 3, 2014 be introduced, read a first, second, and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation

THAT we do now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Mayor.



**TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT
COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.**

**Members Present: Mayor L. Armstrong, Councillors A. Junker, P. Roe, B. Fisher, J. Gerber,
M. Murray**

**Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer G. Whittington, Director of Clerk's Services
B. McLeod, Deputy Clerk D. Mittelholtz, Director of Public Works G. Charbonneau,
Director of Facilities and Recreation Services S. Nancekivell, Director of
Development Services H. O'Krafka, Fire Chief M. Raine, Curator/Director of Castle
Kilbride T. Loch, Planner/EDO A. Martin, IT Systems Administrator K. Jeffrey,
Manager of Accounting P. Kelly, Manager of Revenue T. Wendland, Assistant
Curator S. Gropp, Senior Municipal Law Enforcement Officer D. Wallace, Aquatics
Manager A. Bylsma, Parks and Facilities Manager G. Dubrick, Manager of
Recreation and Community Services V. Luttenberger**

1. MOTION TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

2. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

**4.1 Correspondence 10.7 – Region of Waterloo – 2014 Planning and Works Project Team
Membership; and,**

**Correspondence 10.8 – Association of Municipalities of Ontario - Recent Developments in
Joint and Several Liability – Municipal Action Needed**

Resolution No. 2014-14

Moved by: A. Junker

Seconded by: P. Roe

**THAT Correspondence 10.7 – Region of Waterloo – 2014 Planning and Works Project Team
Membership and Correspondence 10.8 – Association of Municipalities of Ontario - Recent
Developments in Joint and Several Liability – Municipal Action Needed, be added to the Agenda.**

CARRIED.

5. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

Councillor B. Fisher declared a conflict with regards to Item 7.1 because he is an adjacent property owner to the proposed development.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 Council Meeting Minutes January 13, 2014

Resolution No. 2014-15

Moved by: B. Fisher

Seconded by: A. Junker

THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as presented:

Regular Council Meeting January 13, 2014.

CARRIED.

7. PUBLIC MEETINGS

- 7.1 REPORT NO. DS 2014-04
Official Plan Amendment Application 01/13
Zone Change Application 08/13
Labreche Patterson & Associates Inc. / Westcap Development Inc.
296, 302 and 308 Snyder's Road East / Brubacher Street, Baden**

Resolution No. 2014-16

Moved by: M. Murray

Seconded by: P. Roe

That Report DS 2014-04 be received for information.

CARRIED.

Councillor B. Fisher declared a conflict with regards to this item and did not take part in the discussion or subsequent voting thereof.

Mayor Armstrong declared the public meeting open and stated that Council would hear all interested parties who wished to speak. He indicated that if the decision of Council is appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board, the Board has the power to dismiss an appeal if individuals do not speak at the public meeting or make written submissions before the by-law is passed.

Mayor Armstrong stated that persons attending as delegations at this meeting are required to leave their names and addresses which will become part of the public record and advised that this information may be posted on the Township's official website.

The Planner/EDO highlighted the report.

Mayor L. Armstrong asked if there were questions of a technical nature from Council. There were none.

Mayor Armstrong asked if the applicant wished to address Council.

Scott Patterson from Labreche Patterson & Associates Inc. introduced himself and Glen Anderson. He noted for Council that the only changes to the application since the previous public meeting included an increase in the number of units and an increase in parking spaces in the Snyder's Road East portion of the development that arose from Ministry of the Environment changes concerning setbacks for the purpose of noise mitigation. The Brubacher Street facing portion of the development has been left unchanged.

Mayor L. Armstrong asked if there were any questions from Council. There were none.

Mayor Armstrong asked if anyone else wished to address Council.

Dave Fewster, 288 Snyder's Road East

Mr. Fewster advised Council that he met with Mr. Patterson which provided some clarity on questions he had concerning the development. He stated that he continues to have concerns for decreases in property values and privacy with the development. He concluded by noting that he is pleased with the type of ownership being proposed for the condominium development.

Karen Owen, 312 Snyder's Road East

Ms. Owen informed Council that she has been looking for a similar development within the Township to the one being proposed where this type of housing abuts single family homes but that she could not find one. She asserted that the height for the units is not desirable and she requests that Council deny the application.

Mayor L. Armstrong asked twice if anyone else wished to address Council, and in the absence of any comments, declared the public meeting to be closed.

8. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

9. REPORTS

9.1 CAO

**9.1.1 REPORT NO. CAO 2014-01
Regional Economic Development Strategy Update**

Resolution No. 2014-17

Moved by: P. Roe

Seconded by: A. Junker

THAT report CAO-14-01 be received; and,

THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to amend the Table in Section 11 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, to add the Regional Municipality of Waterloo to the list of Upper-tier Municipalities that are assigned "non-exclusive" legislative authority to participate in the assigned sphere of "Acquisition, development, and disposal of sites for industrial, commercial and institutional uses."

CARRIED.

The CAO highlighted the report.

In response to Councillor J. Gerber, the CAO advised Council that this resolution is proposing a change in the Act so that both levels of municipal government are included in the assigned sphere. He added that further dialogue will occur to establish policies with regards to this authority.

Mayor L. Armstrong added that the upper tier and lower tier municipalities would be working together as partners.

9.2 CLERKS

9.2.1 REPORT NO. CL 2014-01 Renewal of Lease Agreement with Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades 10 Bell Drive, Baden

Resolution No. 2014-18

Moved by: M. Murray

Seconded by: B. Fisher

THAT Report No. CL2014-01, dated February 10, 2014 regarding the renewal of the lease agreement with Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades at 10 Bell Drive, Baden be endorsed, and further;

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the associated by-law and agreement.

CARRIED.

9.2.2 REPORT NO. CL 2014-03 Petition from Region of Waterloo / Activa Group for Municipal Drainage Works For Lands East Side of Trussler Road, Mannheim (Between Ottawa Street / Bleams Road and Highway 7 & 8) Township of Wilmot, Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Resolution No. 2014-19

Moved by: A. Junker

Seconded by: J. Gerber

THAT the Township of Wilmot accept the Petition for Municipal Drainage Works received from The Regional Municipality of Waterloo and the Activa Group for 468 Trussler Road, Mannheim (Part Lot 46, German Company Tract), City of Kitchener (westerly part of parcel on the east side of the road approximately halfway between Ottawa Street / Bleams Road and Highway 7 & 8), and authorize the Clerk to proceed accordingly under The Drainage Act.

CARRIED.

In response to Councillor A. Junker, the Director of Clerk's Services advised Council that the purpose of the petition is to provide an outlet for the drain into Alder Creek.

Councillor A. Junker then surmised that the financial impact for the residents of Mannheim will not be known until the Engineer's Report is filled, the Director agreed.

**9.2.3 REPORT NO. CL 2014-04
By-law Enforcement
Quarterly Activity Report
October 1st, to December 31st, 2013**

Resolution No. 2014-20

Moved by: P. Roe

Seconded by: B. Fisher

THAT the Enforcement Activity Report for October 1st, to December 31st, 2013 be received for information purposes.

CARRIED.

The Senior Municipal Law Enforcement Officer highlighted the report.

The Senior MLEO clarified for Councillor A. Junker that the four dumping investigations were in three different areas.

Councillor P. Roe inquired as to the decrease in animal related calls. The Senior MLEO responded that residents have been better educated on the regulations and the costs they could incur as a result of non-compliance.

In response to Councillor B. Fisher, the Senior MLEO informed Council that snow and ice complaints have risen in January and February of 2014 compared to the last quarter of 2013 due to the significant winter storms occurring since the Christmas season.

**9.2.4 REPORT NO. CL 2014-05
Proposed Amending By-law to Rename a Portion of Deerfield Avenue to
Deerfield Extension, Petersburg**

Resolution No. 2014-21

Moved by: P. Roe

Seconded by: B. Fisher

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the associated amendment to By-law 1980-06, (Being a By-law to Confirm the Opening of Deerfield Avenue) to rename the portion of Deerfield Avenue east of Alice Crescent, to Deerfield Extension.

CARRIED.

The Director of Clerk's Services highlighted the report.

9.3 FINANCE

**9.3.1 REPORT NO. FIN 2014-10
2014 Municipal Budget**

Resolution No. 2014-22

Moved by: M. Murray

Seconded by: A. Junker

THAT the 2014 Municipal Budget dated February 3, 2014, as recommended by the Ad Hoc Budget Advisory Committee, be approved; and

THAT the Director of Finance be authorized to prepare the necessary levying by-law to raise \$6,770,040 for Township purposes from general taxation.

CARRIED.

The Director of Finance highlighted the report.

Mayor L. Armstrong thanked Council and staff for their efforts in achieving the established goals for the 2014 Budget.

Councillor A. Junker commented that the average property tax increase for Wilmot in the past four years has been 1.5% and stated that few municipalities can claim such a low average.

Councillor P. Roe concurred with the previous remarks adding that staff has done an excellent job.

9.4 PUBLIC WORKS

9.4.1 REPORT NO. PW-2014-01 Public Works Activity Report October - December

Resolution No. 2014-23

Moved by: B. Fisher

Seconded by: A. Junker

THAT the Public Works Department Activity Reports for the months of October, November and December 2013 be received for information.

CARRIED.

9.5 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

9.5.1 REPORT NO. DS 2014-05 Wilmot Trails Master Plan Implementation Consultant Selection

Resolution No. 2014-24

Moved by: A. Junker

Seconded by: M. Murray

That Report DS 2014-05 be received for information.

CARRIED.

The Planner/EDO highlighted the report.

Councillor B. Fisher stated that he had viewed the recommended consultant's website and found two trails listed as completed projects. The Planner/EDO explained that, although the firm is new, the staff has extensive experience from previous assignments to give staff confidence that they are well suited to this project.

9.6 FACILITIES AND RECREATION SERVICES**9.6.1 REPORT NO. PRD 2014-01****Facilities & Recreation Services Activity Reports – Oct. to Dec. 2013****Resolution No. 2014-25****Moved by: M. Murray****Seconded by: P. Roe**

THAT the Facilities & Recreation Services Activity Reports for the fourth quarter of 2013 be received for information.

CARRIED.

In response to Councillor A. Junker, the Director of Facilities and Recreation Services advised that he anticipates receiving news regarding the various splash pad funding application made by the Committee in March.

9.6.2 REPORT NO. PRD-2014-02**Request to Waive the Rental Fee****Resolution No. 2014-26****Moved by: M. Murray****Seconded by: J. Gerber**

THAT the fees associated with the use of the New Hamburg Community Centre on February 23, 2014, to hold a fundraising event for the Reiner Family, be waived.

CARRIED.

The Manager of Recreation and Community Services highlighted the report.

9.7 FIRE – no reports**9.8 CASTLE KILBRIDE****9.8.1 REPORT NO. CK 2014-01****Quarterly Activity Report – October, November & December 2013****Resolution No. 2014-27****Moved by: A. Junker****Seconded by: B. Fisher**

THAT the Castle Kilbride Activity Report for the months of October, November & December 2013 be accepted for information purposes.

CARRIED.

The Curator/Director of Castle Kilbride highlighted the report.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Region of Waterloo Planning, Housing and Community Services, Transportation Services – Regional Transportation Master Plan Progress Report
- 10.2 Grand River Conservation Authority – General Membership Meeting, December 13, 2013
- 10.3 Regional Municipality of Waterloo – Master Plan for Waterloo Regional Police Service
- 10.4 Association of Municipalities of Ontario – The Fork in the Road – Highlights of AMO's 2014 Pre-Budget Submission
- 10.5 Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee – January 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Resolution No. 2014-28**Moved by: A. Junker****Seconded by: M. Murray****That Correspondence Items 10.1 to 10.5 be received for information.****CARRIED.**

Mayor L. Armstrong responded to Councillor B. Fisher concerning Grand River Transit in Wilmot by stating that he is continuing to speak to GRT staff on a potential trial project but that residents need to voice their desire for the service.

Councillor P. Roe stated his opinion that residents will not voice a need for the service until it has been initiated.

Mayor L. Armstrong noted that he has heard from the majority of residents that their need is for occasional service as opposed to everyday service. He concluded by stating that the discussions need to continue with residents and with the GRT staff.

- 10.6 Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth-Wellington – Request to Support Private Member's Resolution in the Ontario Legislature Re Joint and Several Liability

Resolution No. 2014-29**Moved by: M. Murray****Seconded by: P. Roe**

THAT the Township of Wilmot supports the intent of a resolution addressing Joint and Several Liability for municipalities, prepared by private member Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth – Wellington and introduced to the Ontario legislature as follows:

That, in the opinion of the House, the government should protect taxpayers from higher property taxes by implementing a comprehensive, long-term solution to reform joint and several liability insurance for municipalities by no later than June 2014, addressing the alarming rise in insurance premiums due to rising litigation and claim costs.

CARRIED.

- 10.7 Region of Waterloo – 2014 Planning and Works Project Team Membership

Resolution No. 2014-30**Moved by: P. Roe****Seconded by: J. Gerber**

THAT Councillor Barry Fisher be appointed to the project and study team for the SNYDER'S ROAD, FOUNDRY STREET TO GINGERICH ROAD DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS as noted in Appendix A to the Region of Waterloo's Report No. E-14-013/P-14-008, dated January 28, 2014.

CARRIED.

10.8 Association of Municipalities of Ontario - Recent Developments in Joint and Several Liability – Municipal Action Needed

Resolution No. 2014-31

Moved by: A. Junker

Seconded by: M. Murray

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wilmot support the Provincial government's consideration and adoption of measures which limit the punishing impact of joint and several liability on municipalities;

AND THAT Council support the adoption of both models under consideration as a significant incremental step to addressing this pressing municipal issue;

AND FURTHER THAT this motion be circulated to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario and the Honourable Linda Jeffrey, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

CARRIED.

11. BY-LAWS

11.1 By-law No. 2014-05 Being a By-law to Amend 1980-06, To Change the Name of a Portion of Highway Within the Township of Wilmot (Deerfield Extension)

11.2 By-law No. 2014-06 By-law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with the Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades

11.3 By-law No. 2014-07 Water and Wastewater Rates By-law

Resolution No. 2014-32

Moved by: M. Murray

Seconded by: J. Gerber

THAT By-law Nos. 2014-05, 2014-06 and 2014-07 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

CARRIED.

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

13. QUESTIONS/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

13.1 Councillor A. Junker inquired as to the status of receiving information on dangerous goods being shipped via rail service. The Fire Chief advised Council that he has registered with the rail service to receive the information.

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

15. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

15.1 By-law No. 2014-08

Resolution No. 2014-33

Moved by: M. Murray

Seconded by: J. Gerber

THAT By-law No. 2014-08 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Meeting held on February 10, 2014 be introduced, read a first, second, and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

CARRIED.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2014-34

Moved by: M. Murray

Seconded by: B. Fisher

THAT we do now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk



Township of Wilmot **REPORT**

REPORT NO. DS 2014-07

TO: Council

PREPARED BY: Andrew Martin, Planner/EDO

DATE: March 3, 2014

SUBJECT: Zone Change Application 01/14
Safeguard Homes Ltd.
Part of Lot 12, Plan 16
Part 2, Plan 58R-16067
Charlotta Street/Christian Street, Baden

Recommendation:

That Zone Change Application 01/14 made by Safeguard Homes Ltd. affecting Part of Lot 12, Plan 16, being Part 2, Plan 58R-16067 be approved to add a Residential Building – Semi-Detached as a permitted use and to decrease the lot area requirement for future title separation to 250m².

Background:

Notice of the Public Meeting was given to property owners within 120 metres of the subject lands on February 10, 2014. The following is a summary of comments received prior to the Public Meeting.

Public: (written comments are attached in full)

Ted Dueck, on behalf of Dean Jutzi, 57 Christian St. – indicating that the application is not good planning and that the OMB has already taken a position on the application and that it should be rejected.

Dean Jutzi, 57 Christian St – indicating that this application is an attempt to sidestep the proper process

Joint letter from 11 households – opposed to zone change; use does not fit in with the immediate surrounding single detached homes.

Agencies:

GRCA: no objections.

Discussion:

The subject lands are comprised of approximately 625.8m², are designated Urban Residential in the Township Official Plan, and are zoned Zone 2b (Residential) within the Township Zoning By-law.

The application proposes to add a Residential Building – Semi-Detached as a permitted use on the property.

This application is a new application proposing only a semi-detached dwelling. Unlike Zone 3, which permits semi-detached dwellings, and residential conversions, Zone 2b has no provisions for conversions. In this regard adding a semi-detached dwelling as a permitted use to the property does not then allow any additional dwelling units to be created in the future.

Previous Application

This property was previously subject to Zone Change Application 08/12 which was appealed by the applicant to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) as a result of Council neglecting to make a decision on the application within 120 days of the application being filed. The prior application proposed a semi-detached dwelling along with provisions to create two additional basement apartments in the future. The OMB dismissed the appeal given the applicant did not present a compelling argument as to the appropriateness of the development.

The previous zone change application made by the applicant was considered by Council on November 19, 2012. At that time Council opted to not take a position on the application by not approving or denying the application; Council did not decline the application as was stated in Mr. Dueck's letter.

At the OMB hearing the applicant opted to not be represented by a Professional Planner or a Solicitor. The Board member, as a result, was not presented with an opposing case to the assertions from neighbouring property owners that the application represented an over development of the site and was not appropriate land use.

It is important to note that the opinions expressed by the OMB member in its decision speak only to the individual case presented. Decisions are not binding on subsequent applications and in fact, should the applicant have chosen, the same application could have been filed again. Given the concerns previously expressed by neighbouring property owners, the applicant opted to request only a semi-detached dwelling in this application as it appeared that the primary concern from residents was the future basement units and the modifications to the zoning regulations necessary to allow the future conversions to proceed.

The OMB member's interpretation of the Township's Official Plan policies was not correct given how the document has been used by Council since its approval in 2003 to facilitate both greenfield and infilling development of varying densities and housing types throughout the Township. Given Township staff's subsidiary involvement in the OMB hearing, staff were not given the opportunity to present a more detailed response and explanation as to Council's historic interpretation of the Official Plan.

It is for this reason that staff elaborated on the Official Plan Policies within the Council report on the recent Brewery Street proposal. This explanation clearly outlines the intent of the Official

Plan and provides the additional direction that the planning evidence previously reviewed by the OMB lacked.

For clarity, Council's accepted interpretation of the Official Plan is restated below.

The Township Official Plan (OP) is the long term policy direction to guide development within the Township. In considering the appropriateness of a development it is important to understand the policies of the OP.

Policy 2.1.6.1 of the OP states that the purpose of the Urban Residential designation is to provide for a range of residential and accessory uses in order to accommodate current and future residential demands. The policy further includes that a mix of housing types and densities will be encouraged in the Urban Residential designation. Policy 2.1.6.2 continues on to state that the Township Zoning By-law will regulate the type and density of residential development.

The intent of these policies within the OP is not to tie specific densities to certain areas, but rather allow the ability, through amendments to the Zoning By-law, to consider a mix of housing forms and densities in all residential areas. In this regard, the consideration of a form of residential housing of higher density than abutting uses is contemplated and encouraged by the OP. Both present and historic planning practices within the Township have involved the integration of multiple dwellings (apartments, town homes, plexes, and semi-detached dwellings) within existing and newly developed neighbourhoods.

Despite the assertions of Mr. Dueck, the current application is a new application and there is no risk in reconsidering this application on its own merits. The decision of the OMB on the previous application does not dictate a position on any subsequent applications. The present application requests only a semi-detached dwelling which is a housing type already found on Christian Street, Charlotta Street and amongst single family dwellings on numerous other streets within the Township.

Development Compatibility

Policy 6.1.1 of the OP provides factors in assessing development compatibility. These factors are listed below.

- a) *The density, scale, height, massing and visual impact of surrounding buildings and the proposed development*

The proposed semi-detached dwelling is situated within the building footprint established by the zoning by-law. The structure would be up to two stories in conformity with the zoning by-law.

The housing form and density is consistent with the surrounding neighbourhood. Within close proximity to the subject property there are already examples of older integration and newer planned development mixing single and semi-detached dwellings. On the north end of Christian Street there are semi-detached dwellings constructed in 1977. Less than 200m east of the property on Charlotta Street there is a semi-detached dwelling constructed in 1988. West of the subject property within the Baden West development, Brenneman Drive consists of both single family and semi-detached dwellings.

On a broader scale there are numerous examples in Wilmot Township of newly planned subdivisions with mixed housing forms as well as mixed neighbourhoods that have existed for many years. In Baden, Stiefelmeyer Crescent mixes single and semi-detached dwellings. On Snyder's Road East in Baden there are several multiple dwellings flanked by single detached dwellings ranging in construction from 1978 to present. In New Hamburg, Theodore Schuler Boulevard consists of single family and semi-detached dwellings. Hincks Street and Forrest Avenue integrate singles, semis and other multiple dwellings.

b) The preservation of the natural environment and built heritage resources

This property is a vacant lot; no issues are noted with respect to this consideration.

c) The continued visibility and viability of adjacent land uses

The application proposes a two-storey semi-detached dwelling in the same footprint that a single detached dwelling could already be constructed. The massing of the proposed structure is unchanged from what is already permitted on the property. With respect to viability, typical concerns relate to impact on property values. Although development impact on property values is not typically considered in land use planning, staff are unaware of any examples in Wilmot to demonstrate that new construction, specifically semi-detached dwellings, has resulted in reduced property values. In general, the assessed values of new construction appear to exceed values of existing surrounding housing stock.

d) Pedestrian, cyclists, and vehicular movement and linkages, and parking requirements

The development of the site includes a planned future sidewalk that, at such time as a sidewalk is constructed on the remainder of Charlotta Street, would extend across the Charlotta Street frontage of the subject property. The proposed driveways are of sufficient length to accommodate 2 or more cars. In combination with the garage spaces, there will be ample parking space for the two dwelling units.

e) Landscaping, setbacks, sun and shadow effects, wind effects, signage, lighting and buffering of proposed and existing developments

This application does not propose a development for which these factors would be necessary to assess. There are no anticipated issues with respect to this consideration.

f) Noise, dust, odours or vibrations generated by surrounding land uses as well as the proposed development

This factor is in consideration of long term use of the property. This application does not propose a development for which these factors would be necessary to assess. There are no anticipated issues with respect to this consideration.

g) Traffic generated by surround land uses and the proposed development

Through the review of the development application, Township Public Works staff did not require any additional traffic analysis. Two dwelling units would not result in any changes to the function of the street.

Strategic Plan Conformity:

The approval of appropriate infilling developments and intensification maximizes the use of existing infrastructure and reduces the demand for additional greenfield lands to absorb all residential development which are both strategies in achieving the Township's goal to protect the natural environment.

Financial Considerations:

None.

Conclusion:

This application proposes only to add a semi-detached dwelling on the subject property. There are no provisions within the current zoning of the subject property, or the proposed amended zoning to allow future conversion of the dwelling to accommodate additional dwelling units.

This application is a distinct and separate application and the prior decision of the OMB has no bearing on the present application. That said, unlike the planning evidence presented at the prior OMB hearing, this report emphasizes how the Township Official Plan fully supports the inclusion of the proposed semi-detached dwelling and how the proposed zoning does not represent the introduction of a new land use in the area.

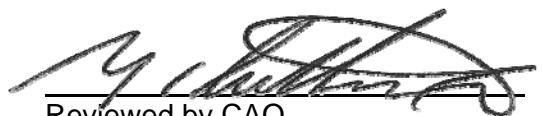
The Township Official Plan states that the Township will give priority to approval of development applications which provide housing types that are needed within the community. The presently available supply of new housing within the Township consists primarily of single detached residences. Given the limited supply of other housing forms, when semi-detached dwellings are brought on to the market, the Township has experienced the swift construction and occupancy of these units. Certainly the construction of additional semi-detached dwellings is needed to fill the void in housing diversity.

The primary issue raised in the previous application was the introduction of future basement apartments on the subject property and the amendments necessary to accommodate those units; additional dwelling units are not a consideration in the application. Semi-detached dwellings are already present on the same street as the subject property, and have been fully integrated into established and new residential neighbourhoods within Baden and New Hamburg.

The proposed semi-detached dwelling represents good planning and an appropriate and compatible land use in conformity with the Township Official Plan.

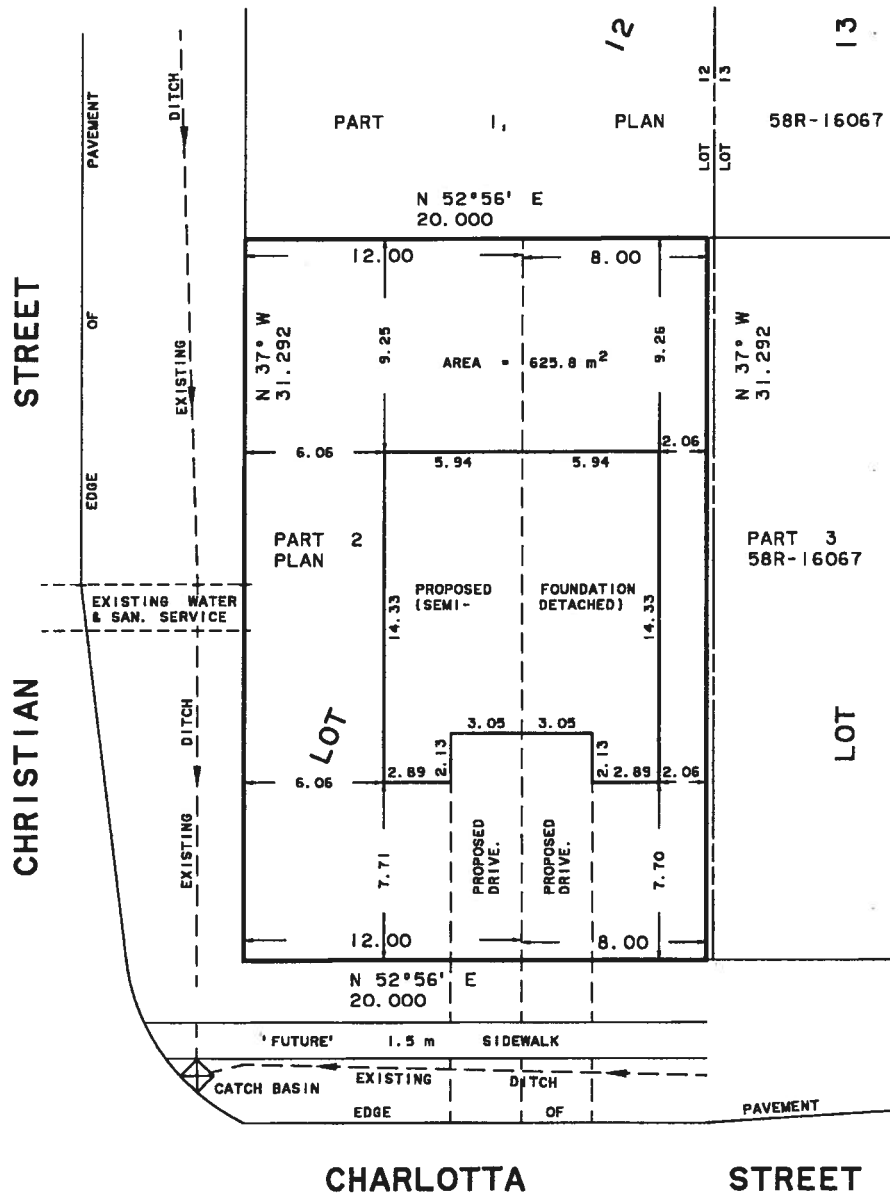
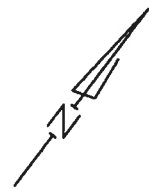


Andrew Martin, MCIP RPP
Planner/EDO



Reviewed by CAO

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
 ON PART OF LOT 12, REGISTERED PLAN 16
 (PART 2, PLAN 58R-16067)
 TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT
 SCALE = 1 : 250 (METRIC)



TED CONNOLLY

THIS IS NOT A PLAN OF SURVEY

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| JOB NO. | |
| 71-17(107) | |

FEB. 4, 2014

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File No. 15189089

February 18, 2014

The Corporation of the
Township of Wilmot
60 Snyder's Road West,
Baden, ON N3A 1A1
Attention: Planning Dept.

Dear Sirs:

**Re: Zone Change Application 01/14
Safeguard Homes Ltd.
Charlotta St. / Christian St., Baden**

We are the solicitors for Dean Jutzi, a neighbouring, residential property owner to the north of the subject lands, for which a site-specific Zoning Bylaw Amendment ("ZBLA") is being sought. Mr. Jutzi objects to the proposed amendment on the basis that:

- a) The ZBLA does not represent good planning policy;
- b) The area in which the subject lands are located is an area zoned for single family homes. All of the lots were created with that use in mind, and insertion of a semi-detached property in the midst of this zone is inappropriate;
- c) The proposed amendment would permit over-development of the site not consistent with the single family home zoning and development in the immediate area, and does not meet the public interest;
- d) Township of Wilmot Council has already declined to grant a ZBLA for the subject lands once before, for the same Applicant – the previous application was for creation of a semi-detached residence as well, with the only difference being that the prior application also wanted basement apartments in each half of the semi-detached units, thus creating 4 dwelling places;
- e) The OMB, upon an appeal by the Applicant, affirmed that Township Council was correct in declining to pass that ZBLA.
- f) The OMB found no compelling testimony or justification to increase the density on the subject lot. It said this form of development would be new and a significant departure from what is currently sanctioned by the Zoning By-law for this site.

* Chartered Mediator

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*** Practising under Lee E. Sauer Law Professional Corporation



- g) The OMB stated that, *“Zoning By-laws confer development rights and provide residents of the municipality with an understanding of what uses are permitted on their property and that of their neighbours. They should not be changed lightly, particularly when there is not a strong Official Plan policy base to support such a change.”* The OMB found no justification in the report of the Township’s planner to support that prior application.
- h) The OMB also stated it was not convinced that a change in the built form being suggested by the Applicant [from single family residences to semi-detached] is good planning for that part of Baden. It said, *“There are areas within the Baden Urban Area shown on the zoning map where the zoning already in place would permit the form of development the Appellant wishes to build. However this site is not one of them and the Board heard no compelling planning justification that the zoning on this site should be changed in the manner now being requested.”*
- i) The OMB further stated, *“The Board was provided with no substantive rationale as to why the zoning standards, that have been in place for many years, should be changed in a quest for greater density and a different built form in comparison to what currently exists in this part of the Baden Urban Area under the existing zoning regime. A zoning regime that implements current official plan policies.”*
- j) There is effectively no difference between the prior application, which the OMB agreed was inappropriate, and the present application, aside from the request for basement apartments in the proposed semi-detached units. The present application is still requesting the imposition of a semi-detached residential structure in a neighbourhood zoned for single-family residences. That represents the same change in the built form, and an increase in property density, which has already been rejected by the Township Council and the OMB once before.

It is our respectful view that, notwithstanding the slight difference between the prior application and the present one (namely, that there is no conversion of the basements into separate apartments requested this time) all of the reasoning of the OMB with respect to the prior application is equally applicable to the present one. The OMB has already made an explicit finding that there is no planning justification for changing the existing and long-standing Zoning By-law for this part of Baden.

The Applicant did not appeal that OMB decision nor the reasoning behind it, and the municipality is also bound by it at this point. It flies in the face of that decision to justify this fresh application on the grounds that it simply proposes the construction of a semi-detached residential building without basement apartments. It would be a significant and risky departure from the prior OMB decision, for the municipality to accept such reasoning from the Applicant and its planning staff, at this time.

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We therefore submit that the present application for a ZBLA should be rejected. If the Township approves the Applicant's request, it will most certainly be appealed once again to the OMB by our client and his neighbours, and their legal costs of mounting such an appeal would also be sought, in the circumstances.

Yours very truly,

DUECK, SAUER, JUTZI & NOLL LLP

THEODORE C. (TED) DUECK

cc. Dean Jutzi

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*** Practising under Lee E. Sauer Law Professional Corporation

From: Dean Jutzi [<mailto:deanjutzi@jutzi.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 11:51 AM

To: Barry Fisher; Les Armstrong; Al Junker; Jeff Gerber; Mark Murray; Peter Roe

Cc: 'Ted Dueck'; 'cwiebe@mhbcplan.com'; David Jutzi

Subject: Safeguard Homes Zone Change Application

Mayor Armstrong, Councilors,

I have attached a letter from my Solicitors that is being sent by courier today to your planning department. For your convenience, I have also attached a file containing the current notice of zone change application as well as the Ontario Municipal Board Decision issued June 14, 2013.

I was advised last summer that the only way to change the OMB decision was to appeal it, which would require just grounds for appeal. This current action by Safeguard Homes is an attempt to sidestep the proper process.

Feel free to contact me at any time to discuss this.

Sincerely,

Dean A. Jutzi, B.Math, CPA,CA

Treasurer, CFO

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February 15, 2014

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RE: Zone Change Application 01/14
Safeguard Homes Ltd.
Charlotta Street / Christian Street, Baden

We the Neighbouring Property Owners strictly oppose the zone change application by Safeguard Homes Ltd. for the Charlotta Street / Christian Street property.

This property is currently zoned residential with no residential conversions and the proposed zone change would allow for multi residential dwellings, which would not fit in with the immediate surrounding of single detached homes.



Township of Wilmot **REPORT**

REPORT NO. DS 2014-08

TO: Council

PREPARED BY: Andrew Martin, Planner/EDO

DATE: March 3, 2014

SUBJECT: Zone Change Application 02/14
Lisa and Kimberley Winn
Part of Lot 53, Plan 1293
Parts 1 and 2, Plan 58R-2539
425 Huron Street, New Hamburg

Recommendation:

That Zone Change Application 02/14 made by Lisa and Kimberley Winn, affecting Part of Lot 53, Plan 1293, being Part 1 and 2, Plan 58R-2539 be approved to permit a dwelling unit to be located within an accessory structure, and to increase the maximum area and height of an accessory structure to 148m² and 6.0m respectively.

Background:

Notice of the Public Meeting was given to property owners within 120 metres of the subject lands on February 10, 2014. The following is a summary of comments received prior to the Public Meeting.

Public: none

Agencies:

GRCA: no objections.

Discussion:

The subject lands are comprised of approximately 0.2ha, are designated Urban Residential in the Township Official Plan, and are zoned Zone 3 (Residential) within the Township Zoning By-law.

The applicants propose to construct an addition to the existing detached garage that would consist of an additional garage bay, a self contained dwelling unit, and a storage loft above. In

this regard the application proposes to allow a dwelling unit within an accessory structure and to increase the maximum floor area and height of the proposed structure.

Zone 3 (Residential) permits a single detached dwelling, semi-detached dwelling, duplex and triplex. It also includes provisions for residential conversions to create additional dwelling units within a residential building. If the applicants were to architecturally incorporate the proposed expanded garage into the existing home by way of a habitable connection, the proposed dwelling unit would be permitted within the existing zoning. The proposed area and height increases would be in conformity with the by-law as part of the main building.

In this respect, the proposed amendment is only sought in order to maintain the garage as a detached structure. The garage and dwelling unit would remain an integral part of the property and there is no plan, nor is there likely potential, to sever the garage from the remainder of the property.

The Public Works Department has indicated that the new dwelling unit will need to be serviced via existing services to the property, further emphasizing the fact that the parcel will not be divided.

The introduction of dwelling units within accessory structures has occurred in other occasions within the Township on fully serviced lots within the Township Urban Area designation. As with locations on Brubacher Street and Snyder's Road East in Baden, this property is of sufficient size to provide adequate off-street parking and is serviced by municipal sanitary sewer and water services.

No objections were raised through circulation of the application.

Strategic Plan Conformity:


The approval of appropriate infilling developments and intensification maximizes the use of existing infrastructure and reduces the demand for additional greenfield lands to absorb all residential development which are both strategies in achieving the Township's goal to protect the natural environment.

Financial Considerations:

None.

Conclusion:

This application simply changes the location of a dwelling unit otherwise already permitted on the subject property. The height and area of the expanded structure remain compatible on the property. Ultimately the approval of this additional dwelling unit provides future opportunity for an affordable rental unit and is an appropriate use of the subject property.



Andrew Martin, MCIP RPP
Planner/EDO



Reviewed by CAO



Huron St

34'6"

Existing

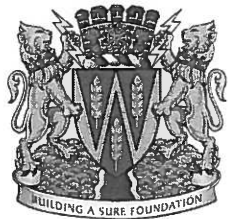
Addition

46' +/-

approx. 5' to property line

Proposed detached garage
addition with dwelling unit

Greenwood Dr



Township of Wilmot **REPORT**

REPORT NO. CL2014-06
TO: Council
PREPARED BY: Barbara McLeod, Director of Clerk's Services
DATE: March 3, 2014
SUBJECT: RFP 2013 – 33 Legal Counsel For The Township of Wilmot

Recommendation:

THAT Miller Thomson LLP be awarded the contract for legal counsel for The Township of Wilmot for a three (3) year term effective April 1st, 2014.

Background:

Pursuant to the Clerk's Services 2013 Work Program, a review of legal services for The Township of Wilmot was undertaken.

Discussion:

A formal RFP was released on December 9th, 2014 with a submission deadline of January 3rd, 2014. Proposals were submitted by six legal service providers as listed below:

- Aird & Berlis LLP – Toronto
- Duncan, Linton LLP – Waterloo
- gowlings - Toronto
- Hicks Morley – Waterloo
- Miller Thomson LLP – Waterloo
- Sorbara Law – Waterloo

The Township selection committee for this RFP consisted of the CAO, Director of Clerk's Services, Director of Development Services, Director of Finance, Manager of Accounting and Manager of Revenue. The main evaluation criteria included quality/services, experience/references, Project Team and price.

The six proposals were short-listed to two firms – Duncan Linton LLP (current legal counsel for the municipality) and Miller Thomson LLP. The proposal from Miller Thomson rated the highest in all criteria evaluated and the committee unanimously agreed to select their proposal.

Staff were pleased with the firm's broad range of services to municipalities and the Project Team's experience, extensive knowledge and qualifications relating to all requirements of the RFP to provide service in various practice areas involving the operations of the municipality.

The contract would be awarded for a three (3) year term effective April 1, 2014 with an option to renew for two (2) years.

Strategic Plan Conformity:

Through the approval of the RFP, the Township is strengthening customer service by ensuring the best value in professional legal services and a high degree of responsiveness to the Township's legal requirements.

Financial Considerations:

Legal services are included within the 2014 budget.

Conclusion:

That Miller Thomson be awarded the contract to provide legal counsel for The Township of Wilmot, commencing April 1st, 2014 for a 3 year term.



Barbara McLeod, Director of Clerk's Services



Reviewed by CAO



Township of Wilmot

REPORT

REPORT NO. FIN 2014-11

TO: Council

PREPARED BY: Rosita Tse, Director of Finance

DATE: March 3, 2014

SUBJECT: Honorariums and Expenditures of Council Members and Council Appointees for the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Recommendation:

That Finance Report FIN 2014-11, prepared by the Director of Finance, be adopted.

Background:

In accordance with Section 284 of the Municipal Act, the Treasurer is required to submit to Council, by March 31st of the following year, an itemized statement of remuneration and expenses paid to each member of Council, and to each person appointed to local boards, for the preceding year.

The statement shall identify the by-law under which the remuneration or expenses were authorized to be paid. 2001 c. 25 s 284(2).

Discussion:

The attached statement summarizes remuneration and expenses for Members of Council and Council Appointees for the year ended December 31, 2013. By-law number 2000-42 authorized remuneration paid to Members of Council of the Township of Wilmot. The statement was circulated to Members of Council for their review and comment.

Strategic Plan Conformity:

This report is aligned with the Strategic Plan goal of being an engaged community through the communication of municipal matters by providing Council and the community with an update on the status of municipal finances in accordance with the Municipal Act and the Township's Accountability and Transparency Policy.

Financial Considerations:

Honorariums and Expenditures of Council Members and Council Appointees were included in the approved 2013 budget. The expenses were reported in the 2013 year end operating summary FIN 2014-01.

Conclusion:

Staff will continue to report to Council the Honorariums and Expenditures of Council Members and Council Appointees on an annual basis.



Rosita Tse, Director of Finance



Reviewed by Grant Whittington, CAO

The Corporation of the Township of Wilmot
Treasurer's Statement - Remuneration and Expenses
Paid to Members of Council and Committees

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

| Members of Council | Salary | Benefits (CPP/EI/EHT) | Conference and Training | Mileage Parking | Miscellaneous Events (Meals etc.) | Total |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------|
| Mayor Les Armstrong | \$ 24,347 | \$ 1,375 | \$ 2,072 | | \$ 114 | \$ 27,908 |
| Councillor Al Junker | 12,174 | 600 | | | | 12,774 |
| Councillor Peter Roe | 12,174 | 372 | | \$ 503 | | 13,049 |
| Councillor Barry Fisher | 12,174 | 600 | | | | 12,774 |
| Councillor Jeff Gerber | 12,174 | 600 | | | | 12,774 |
| Councillor Mark Murray | 12,174 | 600 | | | | 12,774 |
| Totals | \$ 85,217 | \$ 4,147 | \$ 2,072 | \$ 503 | \$ 114 | \$ 92,053 |

| Conference and Training | |
|--|-----------------|
| Mayor Les Armstrong Association of Municipalities of Ontario Annual Conference Ottawa, ON | |
| Totals | \$ 2,072 |

| Committee of Adjustment | Honorarium | Mileage | Total |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Dan Brown | \$ 400 | \$ - | \$ 400 |
| Ralph Cressman | 300 | 61 | 361 |
| Karin Demerling | 400 | 44 | 444 |
| Aaron Fewkes | 250 | 30 | 280 |
| Steve Miller | 400 | 41 | 441 |
| Totals | \$ 1,750 | \$ 176 | \$ 1,926 |

| Property Standard | Honorarium | Mileage | Total |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| Blain Bechthold | \$ 50 | \$ - | \$ 50 |
| Dennis Mighton | 50 | | 50 |
| Darlene Vorstenbosch | 50 | | 50 |
| Brian Wolfe | 50 | | 50 |
| Totals | \$ 200 | \$ - | \$ 200 |



Township of Wilmot

REPORT

REPORT NO. FIN 2014-12

TO: Council

PREPARED BY: Rosita Tse, Director of Finance

DATE: March 3, 2014

SUBJECT: Treasurer's Statement – Development Charges Reserve Funds

Recommendation:

That the Development Charges Statement for the year ended December 31, 2013, prepared by the Director of Finance, be received for information purposes.

Background:

In accordance with By-law #2009-30, the Township Treasurer is required to furnish Township Council with an annual statement, in respect to the Development Charges Reserve Funds established. Section 43 (3) of the Development Charges Act, 1997, requires the Treasurer to give a copy of the statement to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing within 60 days of reporting to Council.

Discussion:

Development Charges were collected during the year from developers at building permit stage. Expenses were disbursed to growth related capital projects based on the Development Charges Study. Attached is a summary of the development charges activities for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Strategic Plan Conformity:

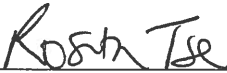
This report is aligned with the Strategic Plan goal of being an engaged community through the communication of municipal matters. Staff provide Council and the community with an update on the status of municipal finances in accordance with the Development Charges Act.

Financial Considerations:

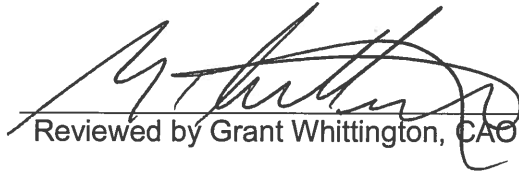
Funding to capital projects from the Development Charges was included in the 2013 capital budget. Upon completion of capital projects, any unused funds from development charges were returned to the Development Charges Reserve Funds.

Conclusion:

The attached Development Charges Statement will be sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing within 60 days of reporting to Council.



Rosita Tse, Director of Finance



Reviewed by Grant Whittington, CAO

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT

**DEVELOPMENT CHARGES STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

| Description | REVENUE | | | EXPENDITURES | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---|----------------|--|--------------------------------|
| | Balance January 1 2013 | Contributions Received Development Charges | Interest | Transfer to (Return from) Capital Fund Schedule (A) | Balance December 31 2013 |
| Infrastructure | | | | | |
| Sanitary Sewers | (\$988,738) | \$174,328 | (\$4,946) | (\$205,758) | (\$613,598) |
| Water | (267,320) | 70,816 | (1,262) | | (197,766) |
| Roads | (198,765) | 476,290 | 1,269 | | 278,794 |
| Development Charges Studies | 183,384 | 18,126 | 2,201 | 908 | 202,803 |
| Parks and Recreation | 404,725 | 262,287 | 3,361 | 417,877 | 252,496 |
| Fire Services | 591,965 | 52,467 | 7,082 | 14,622 | 636,892 |
| Total | (\$274,749) | \$1,054,314 | \$7,705 | \$227,649 | \$559,621 |

Schedule A Transfer to /(Return from) Capital Fund

Sanitary Sewers

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Inflow & Infiltration Repair Program | (144,994) |
| Sanitary Servicing Study | (60,764) |
| | <u>(205,758)</u> |

Development Charges Studies

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Consultant Services -Strategic Plan | <u>\$ 908</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|

Parks and Recreation

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| New Hamburg Arena Retrofit | 256,500 |
| New Dundee Library Renovation | 79,398 |
| Parks Maintenance Tractor | 40,500 |
| Splashpad Design | 16,368 |
| Skateboard Equipment | 14,760 |
| Fire Department Facility Needs Study | 8,570 |
| Beck Park Pathway | 1,781 |
| | <u>\$ 417,877</u> |

Fire Services

| | |
|------------------|---------------|
| Fire Master Plan | <u>14,622</u> |
|------------------|---------------|

Total transfer to capital projects

\$ 227,649



Township of Wilmot REPORT

REPORT NO. PW-2014-02
TO: Council
PREPARED BY: Gary Charbonneau, Director of Public Works
DATE: March 3, 2014
SUBJECT: Repairs to Bridge No. 37/B-OXF
Oxford-Waterloo Road

Recommendation:

That the quotation submitted by Theo Vandenberg Construction Inc. for repairs to Structure No. 37/B-OXF located on Oxford-Waterloo Road, in the amount of \$133,539.65, net of the HST, be accepted.

Background:

Bridge No. 37/B-OXF is a one lane steel truss type bridge located on Oxford-Waterloo Road over the Nith River that was constructed in 1912. This section of the boundary road between Wilmot and the Township of Blandford-Blenheim (B-B) is maintained by Wilmot. The deck and several of the internal stringers were replaced in 1990 and minor repairs were also completed in 2006. There is currently a 15t load limit.

During a routine visual inspection on September 4th by K. Smart Associates Limited (K. Smart) on behalf of B-B it was recommended that the bridge be closed to vehicle traffic as soon as possible due to severe deformation of one of the deteriorated floor beams. The Roads Department closed the section of Oxford-Waterloo Road between Tye Road and Puddicombe Road that afternoon. Staff from both Wilmot and B-B then requested that K. Smart review the condition of the bridge and provide alternatives for repairs.

Based upon this review, Council approved the recommendation contained within Report PW-2013-17 which, allocated funding within the 2014 capital budget, in the amount of \$190,000 for this project and authorized K. Smart Associates Limited to provide engineering services.

Discussion:

The repairs to the Oxford-Waterloo Road steel truss bridge will include:

- Reinforcement of all of the floor beams ends including repositioning or jacking of the one deformed floor beam
- Reinforcement/repair of several bottom chord members
- Placement of new stringers beside the outer deteriorated stringers
- Replacement of several cross bracing members
- Replacement/rehabilitation of several bottom connection plates along the bottom chord

We received quotations for the repairs of the existing steel bridge located on Oxford-Waterloo Road and the results are as follows:

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Amount (Net HST)</u> |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Theo Vandenberg Construction Inc. (Denfield) | \$133,539.65 |
| Maloney & Pepping Construction Ltd. (Stratford) | \$159,487.43 |
| McLean Taylor Construction Limited (St. Mary's) | \$187,412.41 |
| Ross Contractors & Engineers (Sarnia) | \$206,776.32 |
| Guardian Bridge Rapid Construction Inc. (Stratford) | \$273,155.47 |
| Clearwater Structures Inc. (Ajax) | \$273,296.83 |
| Trade-Mark Industrial Inc. (Kitchener) | \$338,789.28 |
| Bon Hendricksen Construction Ltd. (Port Perry) | \$390,211.95 |

Strategic Plan Conformity:

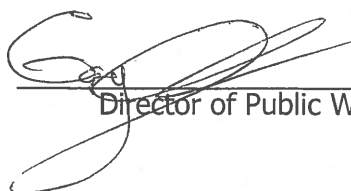
Maintaining our infrastructure ensures a prosperous economy for our municipality.

Financial Considerations:

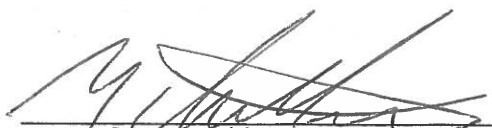
The 2014 capital budget has a total of \$190,000 allocated for this project which included a construction cost estimate of \$165,000 with 50% of the funding to be provided by the Township of Blandford-Blenheim. The recommended quotation is within budget.

Conclusion:

K. Smart has reviewed the quotations and is recommending that the work be awarded to Theo Vandenberg. K. Smart has worked with this company on similar projects and confirms that they have the ability to complete this project in a satisfactory and timely manner. At their Council meeting held on February 19, 2014 Blandford-Blenheim approved awarding the repair work to Theo Vandenberg.



Director of Public Works



Reviewed by CAO



Township of Wilmot **REPORT**

REPORT NO. DS 2014-06
TO: Council
PREPARED BY: Harold O’Krafka, Director of Development Services
DATE: March 3, 2014
SUBJECT: January Building Statistics

Recommendation:

That the January 2014 Building Statistics be received for information.

Background:

Building Statistics are provided to Council on a monthly basis for information purposes.

Month end reporting to is also provided to the public via the Township website in addition to statistical reports provided monthly to the Region of Waterloo, Statistics Canada and Municipal Property Assessment Corporation..

Discussion:

The total number of permits issued in January 2014 was on par with January 2013 and the 10yr average while the number of new home starts was considerably lower than January 2013 and the 10yr average.

Nonetheless, building activity in January was on par with budget projections for 2014.

Strategic Plan Conformity:

Tracking of building activity provides a statistical basis for decision making related to land use planning in the community which contributes to the quality of life of Wilmot residents.

Reporting statistics on a monthly basis contributes to enhanced community engagement.

Financial Considerations:

Building Permit fees remain in line with budget estimates. In the event that year end permit fees exceed operating costs of the Building Division, these funds are placed into a dedicated Building Reserve Fund as per Bill 124 legislative requirements..

Conclusion:

In conclusion, Building Activity rates remain steady and in line with budget estimates.



Harold O'Krafka, MCIP RPP
Director of Development



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BUILDING STATISTICS

Source: Township of Wilmot
Development Services

| MONTH OF JANUARY | 10 Year Average | 2013 | 2014 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Number of Permits Issued | 15 | 14 | 16 |
| Dwelling Units Constructed | 6 | 6 | 1 |
| Dwelling Units Demolished | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Residential - New Dwelling Units | \$ 1,260,200 | \$ 850,000 | \$ 235,000 |
| Residential - Addition/Alteration | \$ 117,700 | \$ 195,000 | \$ 260,000 |
| Residential - Accessory | \$ 14,500 | \$ 55,000 | \$ - |
| Agricultural - New | \$ 6,500 | \$ - | \$ 50,000 |
| Agricultural - Addition/Alteration | \$ 6,500 | \$ 5,000 | \$ - |
| Commercial - New | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Commercial - Addition/Alteration | \$ 181,000 | \$ 250,000 | \$ 400,000 |
| Industrial - New | \$ 20,000 | \$ - | \$ 15,000 |
| Industrial - Addition/Alteration | \$ 24,000 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Institutional - New | \$ 2,000 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Institutional - Addition/Alteration | \$ 8,500 | \$ - | \$ 715,000 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total Construction Value | \$ 1,640,900 | \$ 1,355,000 | \$ 1,675,000 |
| YEAR TO DATE | 10 Year Average | 2013 | 2014 |
| Number of Permits Issued | 15 | 14 | 16 |
| Number of Dwelling Units | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| Total Construction Value | \$ 1,640,900 | \$ 1,355,000 | \$ 1,675,000 |

January 2014

| Residential - New | | Institutional - Alt. |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| BADEN | | 1176 Queen Street |
| 31 Michael Myers Road | | 1206 Snyder's Road W |
| Residential - Alteration | | Industrial - New |
| 174 Livingston Boulevard | 184 Hostetler Road | 515 Snyder's Road E |
| 32 Amberdale Way | 12-250 Hostetler Road | Commercial - Alt. |
| 375 Fairview Avenue | 88 Theodore Schuler Boulevard | 100 Mill Street |
| 3-61 Greenwood Drive | 1261 Huron Road | Agricultural - New |
| 238 Hostetler Road | | 1013 Berlett's Road |



Township of Wilmot **REPORT**

REPORT NO. PRD 2014-02

TO: Council

PREPARED BY: Scott Nancekivell

DATE: March 3, 2014

SUBJECT: Accessibility Advisory Committee
2013-2014 Accessibility Report

Recommendation:

That report PRD 2014-02 regarding the 2013-2014 Facility Tour Report Summary undertaken by the Accessibility Advisory Committee, be received for information.

Background:

As required by the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 Wilmot Township established an Accessibility Advisory Committee in 2003. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Township with respect to the implementation and effectiveness of its accessibility plan on an annual basis.

The Committee visited all municipally owned buildings in 2013 and reviewed each one with respect to accessibility for members of the public with various abilities. The attached, detailed Facility Tour Report prepared from information provided by the Accessibility Advisory Committee, summarizes the access conditions at each municipal facility.

Discussion:

The summary sheets identify each municipal facility and describe any existing barriers to access. Staff have reviewed the items described in the summary sheets with committee members during the regularly scheduled Accessibility Advisory Committee meetings. The various facilities, any existing barriers and the recommended actions are described in the attached summary sheets.

Strategic Plan Conformity:

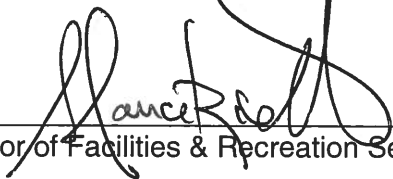
Enhancing our mobility.

Financial Considerations:

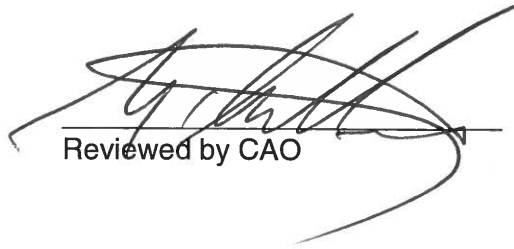
Necessary capital works and/or operational enhancements/adjustments had been incorporated into the 2014 municipal budget.

Conclusion:

Many improvements have been completed within Wilmot parks and facilities to enhance accessibility and to meet or exceed AODA standards in the past several years. Staff will continue to monitor activities at existing facilities and make enhancements where necessary. Through the facility design process, staff ensure that accessibility standards are incorporated into all new construction and facility renovation projects.



Director of Facilities & Recreation Services



Reviewed by CAO

Accessibility Advisory Committee 2013-2014 Facility Tour Report Summary

PARKS:

COMMITTEE COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

TOWNSHIP STAFF RESPONSES/PROPOSED SOLUTIONS:

Baden

- gravel around the Beck Park fieldhouse makes access difficult for persons in wheelchairs
- washrooms lack stability bars and hand dryers are too high

- surfacing of the fieldhouse perimeter with compacted limestone and ramp to the washrooms is scheduled for 2014. Stability bars will also be added.
- hand dryers will be lowered to comply with AODA height standards

New Dundee

- access to the washroom below the bandshell is via steps

- portable accessible toilets can be rented for special events by the organizer.
- creating a barrier-free access to the lower level washrooms is not a feasible renovation for the bandshell.

New Hamburg

- Scott Park washrooms are accessible but soap dispensers are too high and stalls are missing "accessible" graphics
- Norm Hill Park grandstand washrooms are accessible. Stalls are missing "accessible" graphics
- the grade is a bit steep on the limestone path

- soap dispensers will be relocated and lowered to comply with AODA standards.
- accessible graphics will be added to stall doors.
- grade adjustments on the limestone path are scheduled for 2014 and a recycled asphalt surface will be added to reduce erosion problems.

WRC

- the inclusive playground at the WRC is partially covered in woodchips, which serves for impact resistance under certain play elements. It is difficult for a person in a wheelchair to travel that portion of the playground.

- the CSA standard woodchip surface is considered accessible even though all users may not be able to transport themselves. The components that are accessed via the rubber surfacing are those that allow for transport and transfer to various elements to experience different sensory types of play. The playground was designed for all types of special needs, and it attempted to meet all of these needs with minimal compromise. A great deal of positive feedback has been received.

Accessibility Advisory Committee 2013-2014 Facility Tour Report Summary

FACILITIES:

COMMITTEE COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

TOWNSHIP STAFF RESPONSES/PROPOSED SOLUTIONS:

St. Agatha

- a new accessible washroom will be completed in early 2014, which will have both interior and exterior access capabilities.
- beverage and food service counters are not at an accessible height.
- the exterior exit door to the right of the stage is difficult to open.
- noticeable improvements to the walkway from the parking lot and grading to the exit doors were noted.
- pathways to the ball diamond and playground are great additions.

- the new accessible washroom is currently under construction and is expected to be completed by the end of March 2014.
- facility rental groups are encouraged to serve food from tables adjacent to the bar and kitchen areas.
- staff will adjust the tension of the exterior exit door to the right of the stage.

Mannheim

- interior and exterior washrooms have partial accessibility
- major improvements to the access from the parking lot and into the building were noted.
- barrier-free access to the picnic shelter has been provided from both the interior and exterior of the community centre.

- staff are investigating ways to modify the washroom layout to create a fully accessible washroom within the community centre.

New Dundee

- community centre has excellent washroom accessibility.
- three of the four exits allow for accessible egress onto grade.

Haysville

- building is accessible including washroom and kitchen.

New Hamburg Library

- there are exterior accessible washrooms, however there are no accessible washrooms within the library building

- staff will be addressing this issue within the 2014 Capital Budget by reconfiguring one of the exterior accessible washrooms to be accessed via the inside of the library.

New Hamburg CC

- washroom stalls are missing "accessible" graphics.
- community centre is accessible with a "lift". An attendant is required to assist with lift operation.
- beverage and food service counters are not at an accessible height.

- graphics will be installed on accessible washroom stall doors.
- it has been acknowledged that providing a lift attendant is an educational element for user groups. Groups are aware they must receive training prior to operating the lift.
- facility rental groups are encouraged to serve food from tables adjacent to the bar and kitchen areas.

Senior's Woodworking

- washroom facilities are accessible.

Shop

- workroom areas are accessible with the ramp

WRC

- bistro tables on the second floor (Arena side) are too high for wheelchair patrons
- what role do aquatic staff play in assisting patrons in and out of the water wheelchair?
- the north barrier-free doors between the arena and pools side are sometimes locked before the end of the Junior C games, making it difficult to access the north parking lot
- the north and south parking lots should be clear of snow and ice.

- a lower table is available on the main level (arena side & Pool side). Staff will acquire a lower table for the second floor in 2014.
- aquatic staff are not certified health professionals, and are therefore not trained or permitted to assist patrons in/out of the water wheelchair
- F/T and P/T staff will again be reminded to keep these doors available for patrons leaving the Junior C hockey games.

-Both staff and the snow removal contractor keep the parking lot clear of snow and ice to the best of their abilities, and will continue to do so. However, there are times when weather conditions make it impractical to provide bare pavement.

Baden Admin.

-administration counters are too high at the various departments.

-accessible washrooms on every floor (except belvedere)

-the handrail in the men's washroom (main level-castle) is on the left-hand side, which is inconvenient for a right-handed person

-washrooms doors on the basement level are heavy and difficult to open

-wheelchair patrons are always invited into the various department staff areas to facilitate customer service. Staff are trained to address accessibility needs.

-all handrails are installed in accordance with AODA standards

-staff will adjust the tension on the door closers as necessary



Township of Wilmot **REPORT**

REPORT NO. PRD 2014-03

TO: Council

PREPARED BY: Scott Nancekivell

DATE: March 3, 2014

SUBJECT: Tender 2014-02, Supply Parks Maintenance Tractor and Attachments

Recommendation:

That Brant Tractor be awarded Tender 2014-02 to Supply a New Steiner 440 Diesel LC Tractor with Deluxe Cab and Attachments, for the bid price of \$36,310.51 +HST.

Background:

On January 21, 2014 Tender 2014-02 for the supply and delivery of a parks maintenance tractor was released for bidding purposes. This capital project was endorsed by Council as part of the 2013 budget process however, due to staff work load during the course of the year, and the time necessary to determine the specifications for the piece of equipment required, the tender was delayed until January 2014.

Discussion:

On February 5, 2014 a total of four tenders were received for the required equipment:

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Bid Price (excluding taxes)</u> |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Connect Equipment Corporation, Kitchener | \$51,540.00 |
| Brant Tractor, Brantford | \$36,310.51 |
| Jim Harkness Equipment Ltd., Harriston | \$37,859.00 |
| Martin's Small Engines Ltd., Elmira | \$43,803.00 |

The low bidder was contacted to confirm that the bid price was inclusive of all specified equipment and that the 30 day delivery time frame was accurate.

Strategic Plan Conformity:

Maintaining our infrastructure.

Financial Considerations:

The 2013 capital budget contained \$60,000 for the purchase of this equipment.

Conclusion:

Staff recommend that the parks maintenance tractor and specified attachments be purchased from the low bidder, Brant Tractor for the bid price of \$36,310.51 plus HST.



Director of Facilities & Recreation Services



Reviewed by CAO



GRAND Actions

The Grand River watershed newsletter



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Trees bent over to the ground with ice. The impact of the ice storm was significant across the Grand River watershed.



Photo by Kevin Tupman

Heavy ice storm damage

By Dave Schultz
GRCA Communications Manager

The Grand River Conservation Authority posted “No Trespassing” signs on trails, parks and natural areas to urge people to stay out while crews continue to clean up from the December ice storm.

The red and white signs read “No Trespassing - Dangerous conditions exist beyond this point - Area closed.”

Thousands of trees were damaged during the ice storm on the 20,000 hectares or 200 square kilometres of land owned by the GRCA. Dozens of staff, augmented by four private tree firms, have been working steadily since December to clear out hazardous trees and branches. In addition, trained and properly equipped volunteers belonging to snowmobile clubs have been working on some trails.

But the damage is so heavy that it will take time before some popular areas and trails see work crews. The GRCA expects to spend \$200,000 for

forestry work and an additional \$75,000 for hydro repairs related to this storm.

GRCA Parks staff have authority under provincial law to issue trespassing tickets. They could issue tickets to those who ignore requests to leave a property or return after having been asked



Photo by Anne Loeffler

An oak leaf lost in a swirl of ice after the storm. The beauty of the storm was followed by devastation to trees.



to leave. The GRCA is also concerned about do-it-yourselfers who have been going onto trails and into parks to clear away debris so they can use the areas.

The problem is that while they may be moving branches and trees on the ground, they're not clearing the material far enough away from the trails to be safe for visitors. Nor are they dealing with the danger posed by hanging branches and leaning trees. The risk is that visitors could think a trail is safe but could be hit by falling debris or, in the case of snowmobilers, run into newly-fallen branches or trees. This has been a problem particularly on the Elora-Cataract Trailway.

Tips for ice damaged trees

By Ron Wu-Winter
GRCA Forester

December's ice storm has many people wondering how to care for their damaged trees.

The storm left lots of destruction throughout southern Ontario in its wake. Municipalities, hydro companies and landowners are doing their best to come to terms with the changes to their trees.

Although the immense weight of ice resulted in damage to all types of trees, those species that grow quickly, such as willow, poplar and Manitoba maple, have brittle wood that is more likely to be damaged in an ice storm. Trees in poor health and ones with poor branch structure and attachment were also more susceptible to storm damage. Many of the large broken limbs were ones with either poor branch attachment or where rot was already present. Trees have the remarkable ability to compartmentalize damage and respond to the loss of limbs.

Follow up tree care

Follow-up tree care for damaged trees will depend on the type of tree and the extent of the damage. In general the most important aspect will be good pruning practices to remove damaged limbs and to promote good tree form to resist future damage. Good pruning helps a tree to heal more quickly and lowers the risk that rot will enter a wound. An understanding of branch attachment is important in choosing which

branches to remove and which to keep.

Tree maintenance, especially after a storm, can be very dangerous. In many cases this work should be left to a professional arborist, especially where the tree and its limbs are large, or for trees that are near buildings and power lines, and limbs that can't be reached from the ground. Information on certified arborists can be obtained from the International Society of Arboriculture. www.isa-arbor.com which allows a search by community or postal code. Arborists are trained and knowledgeable in all aspects of growing trees.

Trees provide many benefits. The recent ice storm is a reminder of the importance of planting the right tree in the right place and the ongoing maintenance of trees near infrastructure.

The best time to promote strong tree form is when a tree or limb is small. A two-minute cut to remove a small poorly-attached branch now may prevent a much more expensive removal years down the road.



The branch on the left is an example of good branch attachment because the angle is wide. The example on the right is poorly attached due to the sharp angle of union that leaves it weaker and susceptible to storm damage.

Photo by Ron Wu-Winter

HERITAGE RIVER

Grand River broke the mold for Heritage River System

By Janet Baine
GRCA Communications Specialist

Canadian Heritage River designation of the Grand River 20 years ago was a major coup in many ways.

The Grand River was the first non-wilderness river to be designated. It was also the first to have its tributaries integrated within its designation, taking a more integrated approach to heritage designation.

Acceptance of the Grand into the Canadian Heritage River System broke new ground.

"The real coup was to convince the 'powers that be' to designate the Grand River, because it was a departure from all the other designated rivers to that point," explains Bryan Howard, who worked for the Ministry of Natural Resources and was co-chair of the Grand Strategy in 1994 and is now retired. "There was a broadening of the scope that paved the way for other non-wilderness rivers in southern Ontario, such as the Thames, Humber and the Detroit

rivers to be designated."

Nomination was a lengthy process that began in 1987 when watershed municipalities approached the GRCA and asked it to spearhead heritage river designation. The Grand was nominated Feb. 20, 1990, when Lyn McLeod, then Ontario's Minister of Natural Resources, signed the carefully prepared nomination document. There was a great deal of input from committees and hundreds of members of the public all along the way.

The Grand was designated on Jan. 18, 1994 and the first Grand River plaque was unveiled Sept. 26 of that year with great fanfare. The Grand was the 15th river to be designated by the Canadian Heritage Rivers Board, which has representatives appointed for each province and territory.

The decision was made when the board met at the historic Langdon Hall in Cambridge, where they were presented with a management plan called The Grand Strategy. The strategy provided a plan for the



Grand River near Elora: This photo of the Grand River near Elora was taken by Kitchener resident and professional landscape photographer Justin Fabien. It won first place in the Canadian Heritage Rivers and Nature category of the Canadian Heritage Rivers photo contest in 2011. "This particular spot is in a valley that tends to get a lot of fog in the spring and fall and is one of my favourite locations to photograph. I try to find locations that provide intimate and unique perspectives to Canadian landscapes," Fabien says.

future and a look forward 25 years, to 2019. It was developed through a collaborative process involving more than 200 representatives of community groups, businesses, educational institutions, municipalities, federal and provincial agencies, First Nations and the GRCA.

"It was regarded as a pivotal change for the Canadian Heritage River System (CHRS) to embrace the Grand River into the system, because it was a working river," Howard says.

The GRCA's lead in this process was Grand Strategy co-chair Barbara Veale, who dedicated many years to bringing about the river designation. During the two decades since, she has helped to keep the river designation on the front burner locally, nationally and internationally. She recently left the GRCA and now works for Conservation Halton, but she continues her interest in heritage designation of the Grand.

Stumbling block

The stumbling block for designation of the Grand River was that it did not meet the criteria to be considered for its natural

features, because it is not a free-flowing river. As a result, it didn't conform with the CHRS guidelines for natural heritage. For this reason Veale, Howard and a legion of other people worked extra hard to bring about the nomination and designation based on the two other areas of nomination: cultural features and recreational opportunities.

The Grand nomination document included the major tributaries in the designation — the Nith, Conestogo, Speed and Eramosa rivers. Howard believes that including these rivers strengthened the case to designate the Grand River. It also brought the concept of integrated watershed management into the Heritage River nomination process.

By 1999, Heritage River plaques had been unveiled on all the rivers to denote their designation and acknowledge that a river is part of a system.

The only river in the CHRS that has more kilometres of designated waterways than the Grand is the Fraser River, as the entire 1,375-km river has been designated.

In contrast, many Canadian Heritage

Rivers have sections that have been designated, such as 48 km of the Yukon River known as "The Thirty Mile," which was part of the Klondike Gold Rush. The Yukon itself is nearly 3,200 km long.

Where are we now

"One of the biggest values of the Heritage River designation was to raise the profile of the river in the communities up and down the rivers," says Veale. "Many neat things have come out of it, including books about the river, poetry and art festivals, to name a few. All of those increase awareness of the rivers again. It has really helped to have people notice the river, because before the designation, we turned our back on the river."

For a few decades, parents warned their children to stay away from the river as it was dirty and communities dumped their garbage along the riverbanks. Great effort was put into cleaning these areas up and making waterways a place that people wanted to visit and to improve even more.

Dozens of businesses and organizations

are named after the Grand River and its tributaries. Some have changed their name to incorporate “grand,” such as Grand River Hospital (in 1995), Grand River Transit (in 2000) and the Grand Philharmonic Choir (2006). Companies in all lines of business from beer to insulation to dance are named for the Grand River, so the river is much more than a source of water to the communities that it flows through, especially since the designation.

The Grand Strategy was created to direct change within the Grand River watershed and it worked in partnership with other programs. These include the Grand River Fish Management Plan (completed in 1998), the Grand River Forest Plan (completed in 2004) and the Grand River Water Management Plan that is being finalized this year. In fact, a goal for the CHRS is that all designated rivers have management plans. In addition, annual monitoring takes place after designation, and the GRCA will be preparing a 20-year monitoring report to outline the changes that have taken place since designation.

There are now 38 Canadian Heritage Rivers and three more that have been nominated for designation. The CHRS now places less focus on designating new rivers and more on supporting the rivers that have already been designated.

About the CHRS

The CHRS is Canada’s national river conservation program. Through it, governments of all levels work with communities to recognize, conserve and manage Canadian rivers that present outstanding natural and/or cultural values and recreational opportunities.

The program was initiated by Parks Canada in 1984, evolving from the American Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

Becoming a Canadian Heritage River is a two-step process – nomination and designation. Each step demands extensive public involvement and community support. Designation also involves monitoring the state of the river on an ongoing and active basis.

Current CHRS strategic priorities:

1. Build a comprehensive and representative system that recognizes Canada’s river heritage.
2. Conserve natural, cultural, and recreational values and integrity.
3. Engage partners to maximize the full range of benefits associated with the Canadian Heritage Rivers program.
4. Foster excellence in river management.

Dates from the 1994 GRCA Annual Report

It was a long and winding road that led to designation of the Grand River as a Canadian Heritage River. Many accomplishments during 1994 led to the celebration of the river and the Canadian Heritage Rivers System plaques unveiling. Some of them were:

Jan. 14: The provincial ministers of Natural Resources, Culture, Tourism and Recreation, Municipal Affairs and Environment and Energy signed the Declaration of Support which is in the Grand Strategy for Managing the Grand River as a Canadian Heritage River, published on Jan. 18, 1994

Jan. 17-18: The Canadian Heritage Rivers Board held its 10th annual meeting at Landgon Hall in Cambridge and recommended the designation of the Grand River based on the Grand Strategy.

Feb. 23: At the GRCA’s annual meeting, Halton North MPP Noel Duignan announced that the Ontario government joined the Government of Canada in designating the Grand as a Canadian Heritage River. This announcement was made during Ontario Heritage Week.

May 27-29: Brantford Riverfest used the theme Celebrate the Heritage for its weekend of events.

June: The Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation gave an Award of Excellence to the GRCA for “contribution to the preservation of our heritage.”

July: The folk group Tamarack held Heritage River Tour concerts at GRCA conservation areas, the Mill Race Festival in Cambridge and Hillside Festival in Guelph.

Sept. 26: The plaque unveiling ceremony took place in Cambridge. The day was proclaimed Canadian Heritage River Day in the city. Since 2002, Canadian Rivers Day is held annually on the second Sunday in June while World Rivers Day was declared by the United Nations as the last Sunday in September.

Oct. 26: Barbara Veale received one of the first National River Conservation Awards from the Canadian Heritage Rivers Board to recognize her as “a driving force in providing ... administrative and planning support for finalizing the river’s management plan.”



A parade held in Galt to unveil the Heritage River plaque beside the Grand River on a rainy Sept. 26, 1994. About 500 people attended this event.

Declining monarchs

Norm and Mary Pomfret have been monitoring butterflies at Ruthven National Historic Site near Cayuga for eight years, and they report 2013 was not a good year for butterflies.

Their census started on April 11 and carried on weekly until the end of September, normally on Wednesday afternoons.

They found that monarch butterfly numbers were shockingly reduced from 2012. Only 13 were seen on the census, compared to 55 to 105 in a more normal season. No larvae were seen at all.

The Pomfrets found that the overall butterfly numbers were down in 2013 as well as the number of species. The species total was 33 in 2013, compared with 43 in 2012 and 42 in 2011. No southern migrating species, including the family of painted and American ladies, were seen by the Pomfrets last year.

The two most common butterflies on their census were cabbage whites (905 counted) and European skipper (653). Both of these are small non-native butterflies that are now very common. The cabbage white was first introduced into North America in Quebec in the 1860s, while the European skipper was

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first seen locally in the early 1900 in London.

Butterfly monitoring also takes place further up the Grand River at Rare Charitable Research Institute in Cambridge, where 70 species of butterflies are on the checklist. The monitoring there also found monarch numbers were low.

“The monarch (*Danaus plexippus*) was noticeably absent from the 2013 monitoring season and had the lowest observed abundance of all previous monitoring seasons. This trend was consistent with observations from across the breeding range in eastern North America,” according to the 2013 Rare report.

Monarchs fly directly south to Mexico, but as they migrate north in the spring, they stop along the way and go through several life cycles in the U.S. before the adults arrive in Ontario.

There have been many news stories about the decline of monarchs. They lay their eggs only on milkweed, and caterpillars eat only this plant, so their wellbeing is closely tied to milkweed, of which there are several



Photo by Sophie Gibbs

Monarchs help pollinate our food.

varieties.

The Pomfret's report points out that farming and landscaping practices that keep milkweed on the landscape are helpful to monarchs. These include vegetated road allowances and native butterfly gardens. Reducing use of genetically-modified seeds and pesticides are also beneficial, the Pomfret's report points out.

You can help monarchs by providing places for milkweed to grow and planting some in your garden.

For butterfly information, check www.ontarioinsects.org or www.raresites.org.

The full Ruthven butterfly report is in the *Riversong* newsletter Winter 2013 online at www.ruthvenparknationalhistoricsite.com.

Trees and Bees Workshops

Tuesday, March 4: Rockwood Public Library, 85 Christie St., Rockwood,

Wednesday, March 19: Burford Community Centre, 14 Potter Dr., Burford
Thursday, March 27: Laurel Creek Nature Centre, 525 Beaver Creek Rd., Waterloo

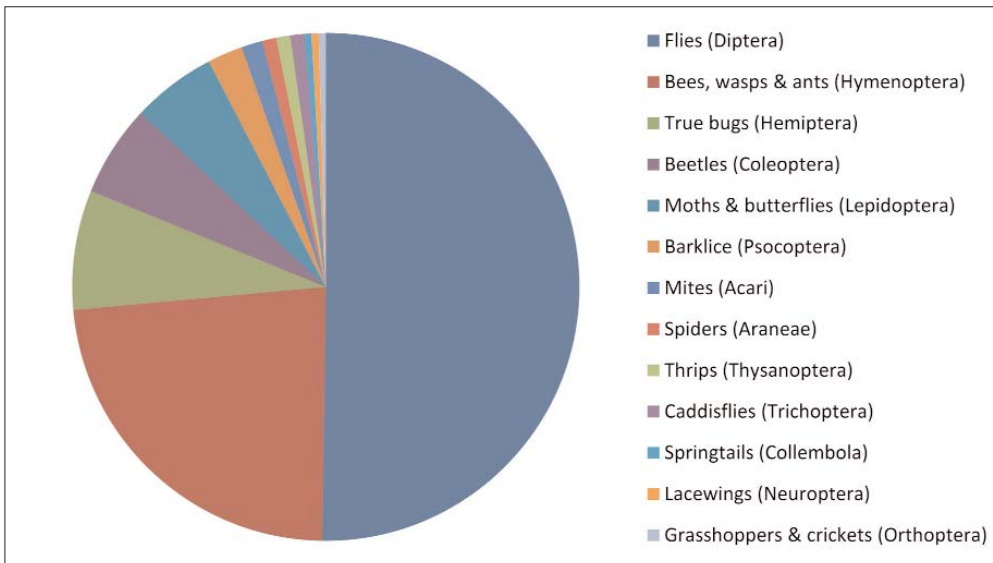
Learn which native plants and trees can attract pollinators and protect species at risk. Talk to Forestry and Restoration Specialists to receive advice on creating treed areas and knowing what species can thrive on your property. Participants will receive a free 2013 Stewardship Guide.

Each workshop runs from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and is free. Register online at www.grandriver.eventbrite.ca.



Photo by Gillian Mastromatteo

A monarch butterfly larva feeding on a milkweed plant. The monarch photos on this page were part of the 2011 GRCA photo contest. For details on the current photo contest and the \$2,000 in prizes, see www.grandriver.ca/photocontest. We welcome your submissions.



An insect trap at the Guelph Lake Nature Centre collected 1,648 specimens during two weeks this past fall. Ten new species were added to the DNA barcode library that were only found at Guelph Lake. The pie chart shows the types of insects collected.

An insect DNA barcode database

DNA barcoding is a new tool that makes identifying species quick and easy.

The Biodiversity Institute of Ontario at the University of Guelph is assembling a DNA barcode reference library for all of the world's species, called the Barcode of Life Database. They enlisted the help of students across southern Ontario through the Malaise School Trap program.

For two weeks in the spring and fall of 2013 traps were placed at these locations, each collecting hundreds of insects. The Malaise trap are small tent-like structures. Most of the traps are at schools, including

many in the Grand River watershed and one at Guelph Lake Nature Centre.

The staff at BIO sorted the 28,110 specimens collected during two weeks in the fall of 2013 from all the traps. They selected 5,985 specimens for barcode analysis. When the molecular work was complete, 5,572 (93 per cent) of the specimens resulted in a DNA barcode.

Just like a can of beans in a grocery store, where the barcode lets the cashier quickly know it is different from a can of peas, each species has a small unique piece of DNA that can be used to distinguish it from other species.

Because a few short barcodes were excluded, the final result was 4,736 barcodes for insects. In total, 1,493 insect species were collected during the two weeks of fall sampling. There are only 70,000 species known in all of Canada, so 2.1 per cent of these were collected this fall, impressing the researchers.

Roughly half of these species were uncommon, since 816 species were collected only in a single trap. More important, this resulted in the very first records for 113 species, including 10 new species that were collected at Guelph Lake.

When comparing the data, scientists found that 404 species are shared between the fall and the spring projects at Guelph Lake, so

quite a few insects seem to be around for most of the year.

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The Biodiversity Institute of Ontario also has a Biobus, a specially equipped RV that is the mobile field research vehicle of the institute. It sometimes visits special events and has been to the Guelph Rotary Forest at Guelph Lake

The school malaise trap program is set to get underway again for the spring of 2014.

For more information about this program visit www.malaiseprogram.ca.

WATERSHED AWARD

Woolstencroft honoured

By Janet Baine
GRCA Communications Specialist

The late Waterloo politician Lynne Woolstencroft's dedication to environmental issues led to a posthumous 2013 Conservation Award from the GRCA.

Conservation awards have been given out each year since 1976 by the Grand River Conservation Authority to individuals and organizations for outstanding conservation and environmental work. Woolstencroft, who died of cancer in May 2013, was a trail blazer whose interest in the environment was always among her top priorities.

She was on the Waterloo County Board of Education from 1970 until 1985, including three years as chair. As a school board trustee, she initiated paper recycling, started commemorative tree planting and found ways to ensure that plants and animals were protected during construction. The first environmental audit of each school to find energy savings got underway as a result of her initiative.

She then served as a City of Waterloo councillor for three terms, and in 2000 she was elected as mayor.

Woolstencroft chaired the city's first environmental committee, which pushed for awareness, emphasizing environmental



Prociphilus sp., an aphid species that feeds on plants and causes the plant to produce abnormal growths called galls. This is one of 138 species of insect collected at Guelph Lake.

problem solving and action. Among other things, they encouraged the city to set up city-wide blue box recycling and collections at businesses, industries and multi-unit residences.

Woolstencroft had been an English teacher and wrote a book and a song to teach children about recycling. She initiated publication of a booklet called "Towards 2000" which was about local environmental initiatives, especially those that people can undertake at home.



Woolstencroft

As a Waterloo regional councillor, she chaired the environment committee to oversee the concept and design of the regional landfill site in Waterloo. She and business leaders planted trees on both King and Regina

streets in Waterloo.

Her last major public appearance was in March 2013 when she received the Jack Young Civic Award — the Region of Waterloo's highest honour. She was also the recipient of a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for her many initiatives in a broad range of organizations.

"She had long believed in the environment, and when she was a city councillor there was a tremendous task force of citizens working on environmental issues, and the city was recognized for environmental leadership when she was mayor," says her husband Peter.

Woolstencroft was nominated for the GRCA award by Jane Mitchell, a longtime friend and the current chair of the GRCA board. The two also served on the GRCA board together for many years until Woolstencroft retired at the end of 2010.

"She got the City of Waterloo to naturalize creeks, preventing flooding and encouraging diversity. On her urging, the city banned cosmetic pesticide use. As mayor her commitment to enhancing the quality of the environment in Waterloo resulted in the city being cited as the greenest city in Ontario by TVO," Mitchell said.

A short video about Woolstencroft and other award recipients is available online at www.grandriver.ca/awards.

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The deadline is May 1, and full details and nomination forms are available online at www.grandriver.ca/awards.

complete. Letson successfully led a team which raised more than \$6 million for this trail. A foundation dedicated to fundraising for the trail wrapped up in 2007, and the GRCF now holds the funds remaining to complete the trail. Letson continues in an advisory role.



Murray McEwen

Murray McEwen received the award for "his contributions to the food industry and for his sustained commitment to supporting his community," the citation says. He was on the foundation board during the 1990s. In recent years, McEwen's

philanthropy has led him to create the McEwen Clean Water Prize through the foundation, a scholarship for a university-level student studying water within the Grand River watershed. He challenged others to match his giving, which almost doubled the contributions.

GRCF

Order of Canada for Letson and McEwen

Two former board members for the Grand River Conservation Foundation were appointed as members of the Order of Canada in December — Doug Letson of Waterloo and Murray McEwen, who lives beside the Eramosa River.

Letson received the national recognition for "his contributions to the betterment of his community and for his leadership of numerous organizations in the fields of education and health care," according to the Governor General's office.



Doug Letson

Letson is retired from St. Jerome's College at the University of Waterloo. Among his many accomplishments, he served on the GRCF board from 2004 to 2006. Over the past decade he was the driving force behind the Walter Bean Trail that will stretch 78 kilometres along the Grand River from Cambridge to West Montrose once it is

Apply for grants and scholarships

The community conservation grant application deadline in 2014 is Feb. 28, while the scholarship applications are due in May.

The GRCF is awarding grants of up to \$1,000 to qualified community groups and up to \$750 to elementary schools. The deadline for this is Feb. 28.

The GRCF is also accepting applications (due in May) for three scholarships for students at a watershed institution:

- The Allan Holmes Scholarship for a graduate-level student focused on applied research. (Due May 15)
- The SC Johnson Environmental Scholarship for a student in third year or sixth semester. (Due May 31)
- The McEwen Clean Water Prize was not awarded in 2013, but will be available this year and is also for an undergrad student. (Due May 31)

Grant and Scholarship Applications can be downloaded from the Foundation section of the GRCA website at www.grcf.ca or are available by contacting the Foundation in Cambridge at 1-866-900-4722 or 519-621-2763 ext. 2372. The email address is foundation@grandriver.ca.



Photo by Gerd Proeschel

New look to Elora Dam

The Drimmie Dam in Elora (left) is nearly rebuilt. The stop logs were put in place on Jan. 21, a frigid January day. The work on the dam has been underway through the winter. The new dam will allow more water to flow through the town and reduce the potential for flooding during periods of high flow. It replaces a dam constructed in the 19th century to provide power to a nearby mill. That dam was crumbling. The dam has been owned by the GRCA since 1984. The GRCA carried out improvements to the dam previously, but it has deteriorated significantly and required replacement. The project is expected to cost about \$1.2 million and was carried out by Xterra Construction Inc.

THE GRAND CALENDAR

Order trees from the GRCA before March 1

Landowners can order trees to be planted on their own properties of 2.5 acres or more (exclusive of buildings) from the GRCA until March 1. Orders must be for 200 seedlings or 20 saplings or more. For more information or to arrange a visit to your property, check the Forestry section of www.grandriver.ca/treesales, email trees@grandriver.ca or call 519-621-2763.

Campsite bookings for Grand River Parks opens March 3

Campsites can be booked for the 2014 season both online and through a phone line starting March 3. The camping reservation website is www.grcacamping.ca and the phone number is 1-877-558-GRCA (4722). Parks are open May 1 to.

March Break Day Camp March 10-14

March Break camp features nature-themed activities for kids aged 6-12 including games, crafts and outdoor activities that may involve snowshoeing, snow sculptures and animal tracking, depending on weather conditions. Free child care is available 8:30 a.m. and until 5 p.m.

for campers.

Please visit www.grandriver.ca or call Apps' Mill Nature Centre at 519-752-0655 or Laurel Creek Nature Centre at 519-885-1368 for more information; the Guelph Lake program is already full. Or, register online at www.grandriver.eventbrite.com.

Maplefest March 29 at Apps' Mill Brantford

Discover the history of maple syrup making with a hike through the time. Stops along the hike include the coureurs de bois, pioneer and modern methods. Warm up in the discovery room, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$10/adult, \$5/child, \$25/family of four.

Submit photos to GRCA photo Contest until Oct. 31

Submit your entries in one of three categories: Riverscapes, Recreation and Historic photos (original photos taken before 1975). A random draw for a park membership takes place each month. Full details on www.grandriver.ca/photocontest.

Note: Events at the GRCA's conservation areas and nature centres are posted on www.grandriver.ca/Calendar.

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The 15th of February, April, June, August, October and December. Submissions may be edited for length or style. Photos and event information is also welcome. We do our best to publish items, but we are not able to guarantee publication.

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| Vice-Chair | Vic Prendergast |
| Townships of Amaranth, East Garafraxa, Melancthon and Southgate and Town of Grand Valley | Tom Nevills |
| Townships of Mapleton and Wellington North | Pat Salter |
| Township of Centre Wellington | Joanne Ross-Zuj |
| Town of Erin, Townships of Guelph/Eramosa and Puslinch | John Brennan |
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| Region of Waterloo | Les Armstrong, Todd Cowan, Jan d'Ailly, Rob Deutschmann, Jean Haalboom, Ross Kelterborn, Geoff Lorentz, Claudette Miller, Jane Mitchell, Warren Stauch |
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| Halton Region | J. Barry Lee |
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| Oxford County | Bruce Banbury |
| County of Brant | Brian Coleman, Steve Schmitt |
| City of Brantford | Robert Hillier, Vic Prendergast |
| Haldimand and Norfolk Counties | Lorne Boyko, Fred Morison |

Jane Mitchell to serve fourth term as chair

Jane Mitchell has been acclaimed to a fourth one-year term as chair of the Grand River Conservation Authority.

The election took place at a GRCA board meeting on Friday, Jan. 24. Mitchell, who represents the Region of Waterloo on the board, was first elected to the position in 2011. Prior to that, she served as first vice-chair from 2007 to 2010.

Also acclaimed as vice-chair was Vic Prendergast, who represents the City of Brantford. He was a vice-chair since 2000.

In a change this year, the board elected only one vice-chair compared to two in the past. One position was eliminated as part of a cost-reduction overhaul approved by the board in September. At the same time, the honorarium paid to the chair was reduced to \$25,000 from \$41,000 a year. The vice-chair receives \$2,500 a year. All board members, including the chair and vice-chair, also receive an additional per diem of \$138 to attend a board meeting.

The GRCA board is made up to 26 members appointed by the municipalities of the Grand River watershed. They elect a chair and vice-chair at the first meeting of each year.

What to expect in 2014

After Jane Mitchell was re-elected as chair, she said that 2013 was a year of significant change and the next year promises to be the same.

The draft version of a new Water Management Plan for the Grand River watershed was completed in 2013, and this year it will be circulated to municipalities, provincial and federal ministries and First Nations for their endorsement.

The GRCA faces millions of dollars in costs over coming years to deal with the emerald ash borer. Climate change will also make the water management process more complex in the future if it leads to more floods, ice storms and other significant weather events.

Internally, the GRCA is faced with a large number of retirements so effort will be put into capturing the knowledge of those who are leaving and reviewing operations to make the organization even more efficient.

\$275,000 ice storm bill expected for GRCA

The GRCA's costs related to the December ice storm are expected to add up to around \$275,000.

Thousands of trees were damaged during the ice storm on the 20,000 hectares of land owned by the GRCA. Dozens of staff, augmented by four private tree firms, have been working steadily since December to clear out hazardous trees and branches. In addition, trained and properly equipped volunteers belonging to snowmobile clubs have been working on some trails. Some GRCA seasonal staff will be recalled early to assist with the clean up.

The forestry costs of the December ice storm could be as high as \$200,000 and the cost to repair hydro is expected to be around \$75,000. The GRCA is looking for ways to cover these costs.

The damage is so heavy that some popular areas and trails have not yet seen work crews. Grand River Parks were late to open for the winter activities and Pinehurst Lake will remain closed until spring.

The GRCA posted "No Trespassing" signs on trails, parks and natural areas to urge people to stay out while crews continue to clean up. The red and white signs read: "No Trespassing — Dangerous conditions exist beyond this point — Area closed."

GRCA Parks staff have authority under provincial law to issue trespassing tickets and will do so to those who ignore requests to leave a property or return after having been asked to leave.

Cold snowy January

A thick blanket of snow covered the watershed at the end of January, despite the mid-January



thaw that resulted in high river flows and melting water.

The GRCA issued a Watershed Conditions Statement on Jan. 10 based on the rain and snowmelt that was expected. Most of the rainfall was absorbed into the existing snowpack, although there was some runoff, especially in urban areas. This brief warm period and increase in flows didn't result in much ice movement in the river system.

Precipitation in January was close to the long-term average through most of the watershed, but it was 25 per cent above the long-term average at the Luther Dam climate station.

Temperatures were variable during the month with some days below freezing, however the weather was also extremely cold and will be remembered for its harsh weather with lots of snow shoveling.

Large sections of the river system were ice covered, with open water in the urban areas and locations with high groundwater discharge.

Reservoir levels at the major dams were slightly above normal for January.

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Elora's Drimmie Dam nearly complete

Work on the Drimmie Dam in Elora has



Photo by Gerd Proeschel

The stop logs were put in place on the new Drimmie Dam in Elora in January on a very cold day. Construction has been underway throughout the winter.

taken place throughout the winter and the new dam is now nearly complete.

The GRCA budgeted nearly \$1.2 million to replace the old dam, which was crumbling. The new dam will allow more water to flow through the town and reduce the potential for flooding during periods of high flow. It replaces a dam constructed in the 19th century to provide power to a nearby mill.

GRCA staff requested that the contract to build the dam be increased by \$150,000 based on additional work and modifications to the design in the final approval by the Ministry of Natural Resources. A two week shut down of the project in the fall was also necessary due to heavy river flows. The construction is being carried out by Xterra Construction Inc.

The dam has been owned by the GRCA since 1984. The GRCA carried out improvements to the dam previously, but it has deteriorated significantly and required replacement.

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It is a summary of the January business conducted by the Grand River Conservation Authority board and committees as well as other noteworthy happenings and topics of interest.

The Grand River Conservation Authority welcomes the photocopying, forwarding and distribution of GRCA Current.

Next board meeting: Friday, Feb. 28 at 9:30 a.m., GRCA Administration Centre.

Reports mentioned in GRCA Current: www.grandriver.ca/MeetingReports.

For coming events, please see www.grandriver.ca/Calendar.

The January-February issue of the Grand Actions newsletter available at: www.grandriver.ca/GrandActions



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February 14, 2014

Premier Kathleen Wynne
 Legislative Building – Room 281
 Queen's Park
 Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on February 10, 2014, passed the following resolution:

“WHEREAS there is an urgent and pressing need for a new, strong and effective law to protect and restore the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River basin; and,

WHEREAS 3 of Ontario's 4 Great Lakes are in decline and provide more than 80% of the Province's drinking water; and,

WHEREAS over 95% of Ontario's agricultural land is in the Great Lakes basin and the health of the lakes contributes \$4.4 trillion to the economy in both Canada and the United States;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Legislature be requested to enact Bill 6, Great Lakes Protection Act, 2013 to protect and restore the health of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River basin; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Opposition Critics for the Environment, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and local area municipalities.”

Yours truly,

C. Goodeve
 Manager, Council / Committee Services
 & Deputy City Clerk

- c: Hon. J. Bradley, Minister of the Environment
M. Harris, MPP – Environment Critic (PC)
J. Schein, MPP – Environment Critic (NDP)
R. Powers, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Area Municipalities

TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT

BY-LAW NO. 2014-09

BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW NO. 83-38 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT BEING A ZONING BY-LAW FOR THE SAID TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT.

WHEREAS The Corporation of the Township of Wilmot deems it desirable to further amend By-law No. 83-38, being a Zoning By-law for the said Township of Wilmot.

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the lands described on Schedule "A" and illustrated on Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this by-law, may be used for the following use in addition to the uses permitted in Section 8.1 of By-law No 83-38, as amended:
 - a) a Residential Building – Semi-Detached
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of By-law 83-38, for the lands described on Schedule "A" and illustrated on Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this by-law, sub-sections 6.19(b) shall be amended as follows:

6.19(b) have a lot area of not less than 250m².
3. Except as amended by the preceding regulations, the lands described on Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this by-law and shown on Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this by-law, shall be subject to all other applicable regulations as set down in By-law No. 83-38, as amended.
4. This by-law shall come into effect on the final passing thereof by the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Wilmot subject to compliance with the provisions of The Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990 and amendments thereto.

READ a first and second time on the 3rd day of **March, 2014**.

READ a third time and finally passed in Open Council on the 3rd day of **March, 2014**.

MAYOR

CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Wilmot, in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo and Province of Ontario being composed of Part of Lot 12, Plan 16, being Part 2, Plan 58R-16067 in the said Township of Wilmot.

This is Schedule "A" to By-law No. 2014-09.

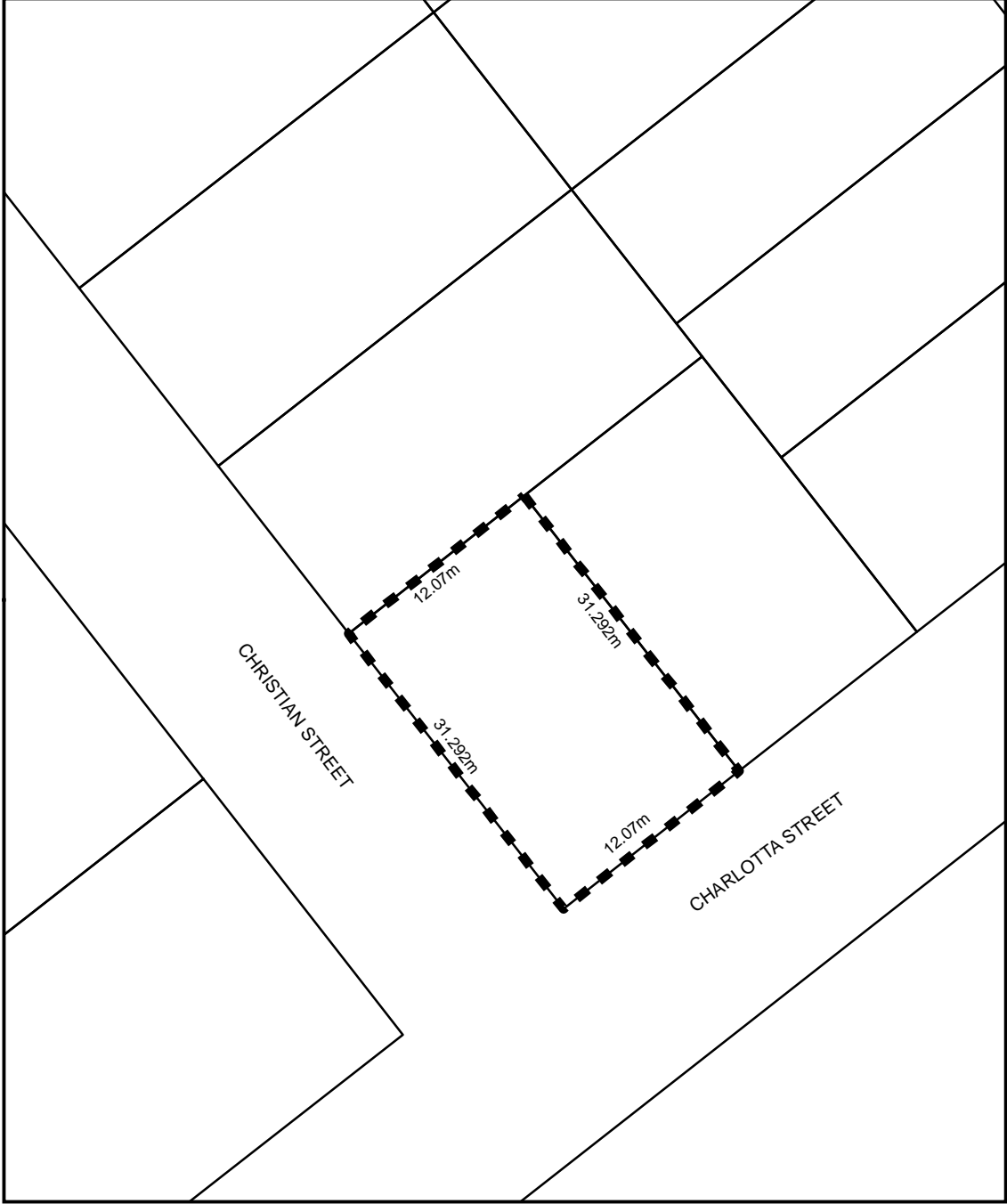
PASSED this 3rd day of March, 2014.

MAYOR

CLERK

SCHEDULE "B"
PART OF LOT 12, PLAN 16
PART 2, PLAN 58R-16067
TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT

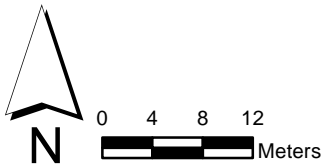
SUBJECT LANDS OUTLINED THUS: - - - - -



THIS IS SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 2014-09
PASSED THIS 3RD DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

MAYOR

CLERK



TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT

BY-LAW NO. 2014-10

BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW NO. 83-38 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT BEING A ZONING BY-LAW FOR THE SAID TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT.

WHEREAS The Corporation of the Township of Wilmot deems it desirable to further amend By-law No. 83-38, being a Zoning By-law for the said Township of Wilmot.

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The lands described on Schedule 'A' and illustrated on Schedule 'B', attached to and forming part of this by-law, may be used for the following accessory use in addition to the uses permitted in the zone in which the property is situate, as amended:
 - a) one accessory apartment, self-contained within an accessory structure;
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of By-law 83-38, for the lands described on Schedule "A" and illustrated on Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this by-law, the maximum lot coverage for all accessory structures shall be 148m².
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of By-law 83-38, for the lands described on Schedule "A" and illustrated on Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this by-law, the maximum height of the accessory structure described in paragraph 1 above shall be 6.0m.
4. Except as amended by the preceding regulations, the lands described on Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this by-law and shown on Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this by-law, shall be subject to all other applicable regulations as set down in By-law No. 83-38, as amended.
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MAYOR

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ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Wilmot, in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo and Province of Ontario being composed of Part of Lot 53, Plan 1293, being Parts 1 and 2, Plan 58R-2539 in the said Township of Wilmot.

This is Schedule "A" to By-law No. 2014-10.

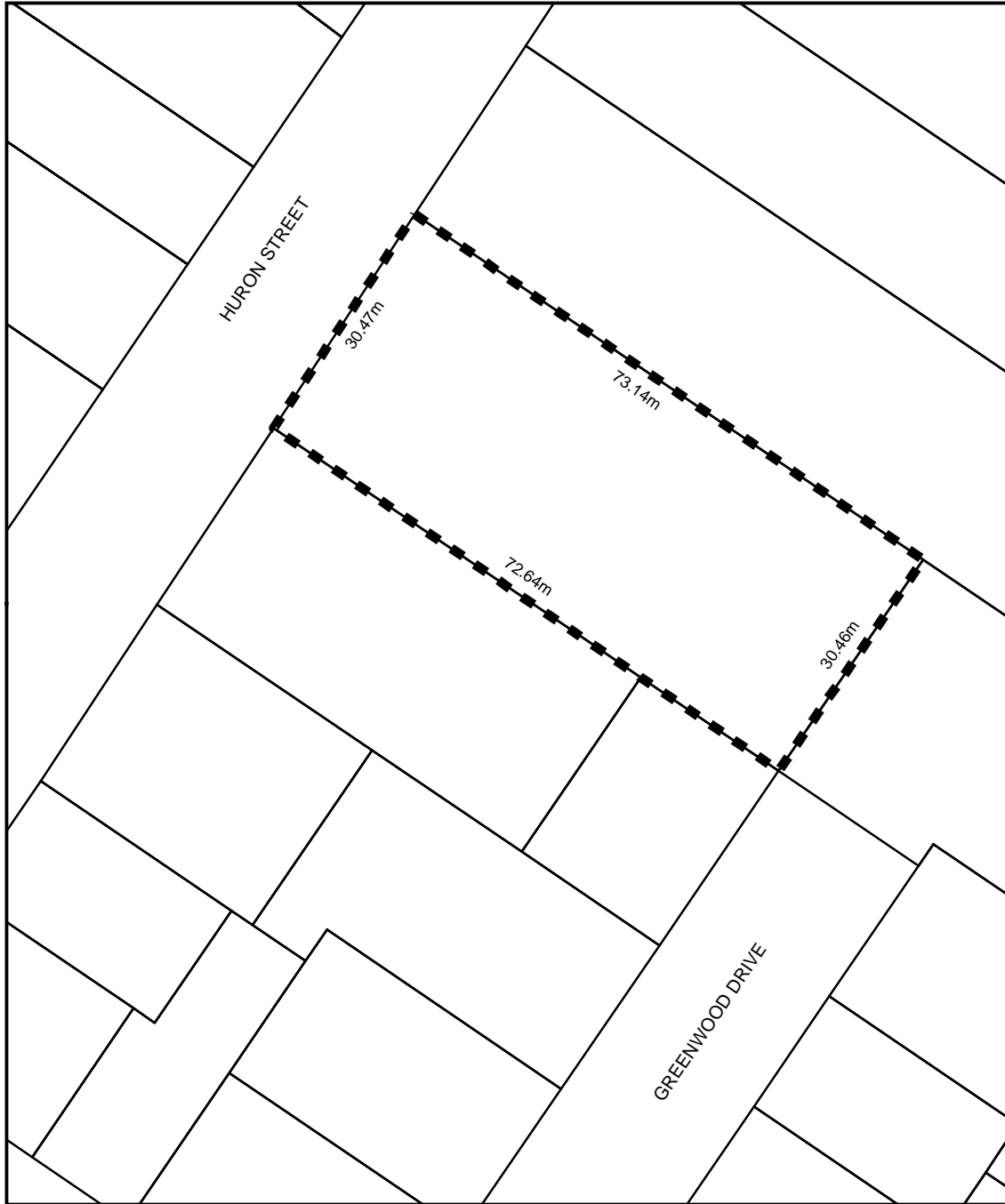
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MAYOR

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SCHEDULE "B"
PART OF LOT 53, PLAN 1293
PARTS 1 AND 2, PLAN 58R-2539
TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT

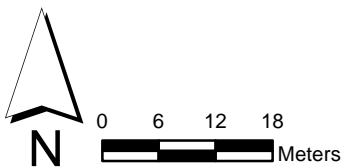
SUBJECT LANDS OUTLINED THUS: - - - - -



THIS IS SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 2014-10
PASSED THIS 3RD DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

MAYOR

CLERK



TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT

BY-LAW NO. 2014-11

BY-LAW RESPECTING THE APPOINTMENT OF
A CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL, INSPECTORS AND
PLANS EXAMINERS.

WHEREAS Section 3 of The Building Code Act provides for the appointment of a Chief Building Official and such Inspectors as necessary to carry out the enforcement of The Building Code Act;

AND WHEREAS it is considered necessary and expedient to provide for the appointment of a Chief Building Official, Inspectors and Plans Examiners in the Township of Wilmot;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the following appointments be made:

| <u>Name of Officer</u> | <u>Title or Office</u> |
|------------------------|--|
| Terry Gerber | Chief Building Official Building / Plumbing / Sewage System Inspector |
| Amy May | Deputy Chief Building Official Plans Examiner / Permit Administrator (Pt 9 / Pt3) |
| Sheri Gutzeit | Plans Examiner (Pt 9) |
| Michael Dubois | Building / Plumbing / Sewage System Inspector |

2. That By-law 2013-48 is repealed upon this by-law coming into force and effect.

3. That this by-law shall come into force and effect March 4, 2014.

READ a first and second time on the 3rd day of March, 2014.

READ a third time and finally passed in Open Council on the 3rd day of March, 2014.

MAYOR

CLERK