



Council Meeting Agenda

Monday, December 7, 2015

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 November 23, 2015

Recommendation

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

Council Meeting November 23, 2015.

7. PUBLIC MEETINGS

8. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

- 8.1 Certificate of Recognition to K-Dac Enterprises for Services Provided to Township of Wilmot Fire Department**

8.2 Police Chief Bryan Larkin, Waterloo Regional Police Service**Zone Boundaries 2016 Presentation****8.3 Youth Action Council Update****8.4 Castle Kilbride Advisory Committee Update****8.5 Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee Update****8.5.1 REPORT NO. CK2015-06****Updated Heritage Register of Non-Designated Properties
within the Township of Wilmot****Recommendation**

THAT the updated Register of Non-Designated Properties for the Township of Wilmot dated December 7, 2015 as submitted on behalf of the Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee, be adopted.

8.6 Launch of the New wilmot.ca**Website**

Karl Jeffreys, IT Systems Administrator, Financial Services, Chairperson

Tracy Loch, Curator/Director of Castle Kilbride, Castle Kilbride

Dawn Mittelholtz, Deputy Clerk, Clerk's Services

Andrew Martin, Planner/EDO, Development Services

Vicky Luttenberger, Manager of Recreation and Community Services,
Facilities and Recreation Services

Patrick Kelly, Manager of Accounting, Financial Services

Gary Mosburger, Public Education/Training Officer, Fire Department

Gary Charbonneau, Director of Public Works, Public Works

9. REPORTS**9.1 CAO – no reports**

9.2 CLERKS**9.2.1 REPORT NO. CL2015-35**

**Proposed Lease of Ministry of Transportation Lands
New Hamburg Identification Sign
Highway 7/8 at Peel Street
New Hamburg**

Recommendation

THAT Report No. CL2015-35, dated December 7, 2015 regarding the lease agreement with the Ministry of Transportation of lands situated at the intersection of Highway 7/8 and Peel Street, New Hamburg as defined in Appendix A to this Report, be endorsed, and further;

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

9.2.2 REPORT NO. CL2015-36

**Appointment of Engineer
Petition for Municipal Drainage Works
From Hartmut Weiss / 1210918 Ontario Inc.
For North Part of Lots 7 & 8, Concession South of Bleams
Road, Township of Wilmot, Regional Municipality of
Waterloo**

Recommendation

THAT R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited of 332 Lorne Avenue East, Stratford, be appointed as the Engineer relative to the Petition for Drainage Works from Hartmut Weiss / 1210918 Ontario Inc. for lands on the North Part of Lots 7 & 8, Concession South of Bleams Road, Township of Wilmot, Regional Municipality of Waterloo and be authorized to prepare a report under Section 8 (1) of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter D. 17.

9.3 FINANCE – no reports**9.4 PUBLIC WORKS – no reports**

9.5 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

9.5.1 REPORT NO. DS 2015-40

Billboard Sign Renewals

Recommendation

THAT report DS 2015-40 be endorsed.

9.6 FACILITIES AND RECREATION SERVICES

9.6.1 REPORT NO. PRD-2015-11

**Request to Waive Rental Fees – WRC Community Centre
Community Information Gathering Event
Syrian Refugees**

Recommendation

THAT the rental fee to Allan Mills for the use of the WRC Community Centre on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, be waived.

9.7 FIRE – no reports

9.8 CASTLE KILBRIDE – no reports

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Grand River Conservation Authority – GRCA Current, November 2015

10.2 Grand River Conservation Authority – Grand Actions, November-December 2015

Recommendation

THAT Correspondence Items 10.1 to 10.2 be received for information.

10.3 Glenn Cooke – New Dundee Santa Claus Parade Road Closure**Recommendation**

THAT Council approve the closure of Main Street, from Bridge Street to Front Street, and Front Street, from Main street to Bridge Street, on Sunday, December 20, 2015 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm for the purposes of a Santa Clause Parade.

AND FURTHER THAT the approval be subject to the requirements put forth by the Region of Waterloo.

11. BY-LAWS**11.1 By-law No. 2015-66, By-law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement – Lease of MTO Lands – New Hamburg Identification Sign****Recommendation**

THAT By-law No. 2015-66 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. 2015-67****Recommendation**

THAT By-law No. 2015-67 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Meeting held on December 7, 2015 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 MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2015**

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

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

Regrets: Councillor P. Roe

Staff Present: Chief Administration 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, Director of Finance R. Tse, Manager of Community Programs V. Luttenberger, Planner/EDO A. Martin, Manager of Accounting P. Kelly, Supervisor of Revenue A. Romney

- 1. MOTION TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION**
- 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**

None disclosed.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 Council Meeting Minutes November 2, 2015

Resolution No. 2015-238

Moved by: M. Murray

Seconded by: A. Junker

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

Council Meeting November 2, 2015.

CARRIED.

7. PUBLIC MEETINGS

- 7.1 REPORT NO. DS 2015-39**
Zone Change Application 17/15
Christopher McIntyre
Lot 18, Plan 1645
88 Elizabeth Street, Baden

Resolution No. 2015-239

Moved by: A. Junker

Seconded by: J. Gerber

THAT Council approve Zone Change Application 17/15 made by Christopher McIntyre, affecting Lot 18, Plan 1645, to allow a second dwelling unit within the existing dwelling, subject to the following:

- 1. that a minimum of four off-street parking spaces be provided (two of which may be located in front of the building line), and**
- 2. that the driveway shall not exceed a width of 6.7m.**

CARRIED.

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 along with email addresses if provided.

The Planner/EDO highlighted the report.

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

Mayor L. Armstrong asked if anyone else wished to address Council on this matter.

James Cole, 79 Elizabeth Street

Mr. Cole advised Council that he purchased his home in 1999 because the neighbourhood was composed of single family residences. He noted that when he purchased he asked for any future building plans for the area and was comfortable at the time that it would remain a single family residence neighbourhood. He concluded by stating that he is adamantly opposed to the application.

Christopher McIntyre, 88 Elizabeth Street

Mr. McIntyre advised Council that the home was purchased specifically as a home that would accommodate his daughter's disability. He further advised that the purpose of the zone change application was to assist in making the home more affordable with rental income.

Bill Troupe, 100 Elizabeth

Mr. Troupe voiced his main concern as being the potential parking requirements. He noted that increased traffic and parking in this neighbourhood is already a concern plus the potential issues with snow plows navigating the parked cars at the curves on the road and depositing snow where he would need to access the road from his driveway.

Doug Baier, 64 Elizabeth

Mr. Baier expressed concerns with the precedent that could be set for future requests of this type. He noted that though he does appreciate the applicant's reasons for the application, he feels that buying the

property first then seeking the zone change may not have been the most appropriate method. He concluded by stating he is opposed to the application.

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

Councillor B. Fisher noted his objections to the application based on the parking allotment including two in the garage which is often not the case in many homes. He commented further on the potential parking issues being created by the fact that the property is on a corner which can cause additional difficulties. With regards to the recent approval of another rental unit in a similar area, Councillor B. Fisher noted that, unlike this application, the immediate neighbours were not opposed to that application.

Councillor A. Junker stated that the application is in alignment with Provincial guidelines for residential development and that the recommendation does address parking requirements. He further noted the applicant is intending to stay in the home which will aid in ensuring that the tenants are kept accountable for keeping up their unit and for being good neighbours.

Councillor J. Gerber expressed his appreciation for Councillor B. Fisher's opinions but that the opposition from the neighbours does not necessarily override the directives from the Province.

Mayor L. Armstrong commented on the remarks made concerning snow removal obstacles by stating that the overnight, on-street parking prohibitions are in place to combat that exact situation.

9. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

8.1 Katie McDonald, Public Health Planner, Region of Waterloo Waterloo Region Healthy Kids Community Challenge

The Manager of Recreation and Community Services introduced Ms. McDonald from the Region of Waterloo. Ms. McDonald advised Council on the history of the Waterloo Region Healthy Kids Community Challenge and how it is part of a province wide initiative involving forty five communities. She provided Council with childhood obesity statistics. She unveiled the recommendations from the No Time To Wait: The Healthy Kids Strategy document from which the goals and objectives of the program were formed. She concluded the presentation by summarizing accomplishments to-date and the plans going forward.

Councillor J. Gerber thanked Ms. McDonald and offered encouragement for her upcoming focus groups as part of the community engagement. He expressed his opinion on how easily the objectives could be reached if physical education became a mandatory part of the daily curriculum for all grades.

Councillor A. Junker further commented on the ease of fitting in physical activity for children if they were to walk to school as much as possible and how he would like to see the program encouraging that.

8.11 REPORT NO. PRD 2015-10 Funding for the Waterloo Region Healthy Kids Community Challenge

Resolution No. 2015-240

Moved by: M. Murray

Seconded by: B. Fisher

THAT Report PRD 2015-10 be received for information.

CARRIED.

The Manager of Recreation and Community Services highlighted the report.

9. REPORTS**9.1 CAO – no reports****9.2 CLERKS****9.2.1 REPORT NO. CL 2015-22
Imperial in New Hamburg Limited
Encroachment Agreement
Mill Street, New Hamburg****Resolution No. 2015-241****Moved by: J. Gerber****Seconded by: B. Fisher**

THAT the Township of Wilmot enter into an encroachment agreement with The Imperial in New Hamburg Limited for 60 Huron Street, New Hamburg with respect to the side of the building on Mill Street, New Hamburg, Township of Wilmot, subject to the owner / applicant bearing all costs associated with the preparation of such agreement, and further, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all associated documentation.

CARRIED.

The Director of Clerk's Services highlighted the report.

**9.2.2 REPORT NO. CL 2015-34
Appointment of Engineer
Petition for Municipal Drainage Works
From Lyle Cressman
For North Part of Lot 23 and 24, Concession 3, Block A
Township of Wilmot, Regional Municipality of Waterloo****Resolution No. 2015-242****Moved by: A. Junker****Seconded by: B. Fisher**

THAT Dietrich Engineering of 155 Frobisher Drive, Waterloo be appointed as the Engineer relative to the Petition for Drainage Works from Lyle Cressman for lands on the North Part of Lots 23 and 24, Concession 3, Block A, Township of Wilmot, Regional Municipality of Waterloo and be authorized to prepare a report under Section 8 (1) of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter D. 17.

CARRIED.

9.3 FINANCE**9.3.1 REPORT NO. FIN 2015-31****Revised Wilmot Township Water & Wastewater Financial Plan****Resolution No. 2015-243****Moved by: M. Murray****Seconded by: B. Fisher**

THAT Report FIN 2015-31 regarding the Revised Wilmot Township Water & Wastewater Financial Plan, prepared by the Supervisor of Revenue, be approved.

CARRIED.

The Supervisor of Revenue highlighted the report.

9.4 PUBLIC WORKS**9.4.1 REPORT NO. PW 2015 – 18****Traffic & Parking By-law Amendments****Bock Street and Alderside Drive, New Dundee****Resolution No. 2015-244****Moved by: A. Junker****Seconded by: J. Gerber**

THAT the following amendments be made to the Traffic and Parking By-law:

- 1. That the existing Schedule “1”, Part V – Section 3 – No Parking to said By-law No. 2006-44 be amended by adding reference to:**
 - Alderside Drive, New Dundee, on the east side, from Main Street to 60 metres north, at any time**
- 2. That the existing Schedule “13”, Part XI – Intersection Yield Signs to said By-law No. 2006-44 be amended by adding reference to:**
 - Bock Street, intersecting at Alderview Drive, facing traffic travelling westbound**

CARRIED.

Councillor A. Junker thanked the Director of Public Works for bringing these amendments forward as there have been issues in the area at certain times of the year where parked cars have made it difficult for residents to traverse the road. He also commented on the need for some traffic control at Bock Street and Alderside Drive but that a stop sign is not warranted.

9.5 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – no other reports

9.6 FACILITIES AND RECREATION SERVICES**9.6.1 REPORT NO. PRD-2015-09
RFP 2015-32 Consulting Services to Prepare a Parks, Facilities
& Recreation Service Master Plan****Resolution No. 2015-245****Moved by: M. Murray****Seconded by: J. Gerber**

THAT Monteith Brown Planning Consultants be awarded the RFP for Consulting Services to Prepare a Parks, Facilities & Recreation Services Master Plan, as per their proposal dated October 20, 2015 for the upset fee of \$50,369.93, net of the HST rebate.

CARRIED.

The Director of Facilities and Recreation Services highlighted the report.

Councillor J. Gerber advised that as the Council representative on the selection committee he wanted to assure Council that Monteith Brown Planning Consultants were the clear choice due to the amount of similar work they have performed throughout the Province not just in Wilmot.

9.7 FIRE – no reports**9.8 CASTLE KILBRIDE – no reports****10. CORRESPONDENCE****11. BY-LAWS**

- 11.1 By-law No. 2015-63, By-law to Amend Traffic & Parking By-law 2006-44, Bock Street and Alderside Drive, New Dundee**
- 11.2 By-law No. 2015-64 –Zone Change Application 17/15, Christopher McIntyre Lot 18, Plan 1645 - 88 Elizabeth Street, Baden**

Resolution No. 2015-246**Moved by: A. Junker****Seconded by: B. Fisher**

THAT By-law Nos. 2015-63 and 2015-64 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

CARRIED.**12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS – Councillor A. Junker**

- 12.1 THAT reference to the ‘heavy truck prohibition on Hallman Road, from Bridge Street to Oxford-Waterloo Road at any time’ contained within Resolution No. 2014 – 197, be rescinded to permit the heavy truck traffic on said road, and further;**

THAT staff monitor the road to determine if heavy truck traffic is having a detrimental effect on the condition of the road.

- 12.2 THAT the speed limit on Huron Road be lowered from 80 km / hour to 60 km / hour starting at Puddicombe Road to the east boundary of the Settlement Area of Haysville and further;**

THAT the speed limit on Huron Road be lowered from 80 km / hour to 60 km / hour starting at Haysville Road to the west boundary of the Settlement Area of Haysville and further;

THAT the existing speed limit of 50 km / hour be retained within the Settlement Area of Haysville.

Councillor A. Junker summarized the rationale for bringing forward the two Notices of Motion for discussion at the next Council Meeting

13. QUESTIONS/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 13.1 Councillor J. Gerber commented on the excellent ground work and presentations that were given with regards to the Public Information Centres on the Grand River Transit trial being proposed in Wilmot. He noted that the comments from the public were well received and that the public does seem to have interest in the service.

Mayor L. Armstrong further noted that ridership is the main driver of a project such as this.

- 13.2 Councillor J. Gerber reminded Council of the coming community parades including the Baden Parade on December 5, the New Hamburg Parade on December 6 and the St. Agatha Parade on December 12.

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

15. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

15.1 By-law No. 2015-65

Resolution No. 2015-247

Moved by: A. Junker

Seconded by: B. Fisher

THAT By-law No. 2015-65 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Meeting held on November 23, 2015 be introduced, read a first, second, and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

CARRIED.

16. ADJOURNMENT (7:54 PM)

Resolution No. 2015-248

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

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ZONE BOUNDARIES 2016

Corporate Planning Systems
October 7, 2015



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IN THE FOLLOWING SLIDES...

- Review process and feedback for divisional and zone realignment
 - Phase 1 – changes to divisional boundaries
 - Phase 2 – construction of new zones
- Summary of Zone Statistics
- WATERLOO REGION OVERVIEW
- SOUTH Division
 - South Zones: S1-S8
- CENTRAL Division
 - Central Zones: C1-C8
- NORTH Division
 - North Zones: N1–N8 + R1–R4
- Feedback



PROCESS AND FEEDBACK

In January 2015, Chief Larkin requested a review of Neighbourhood Policing divisional and zone boundaries.

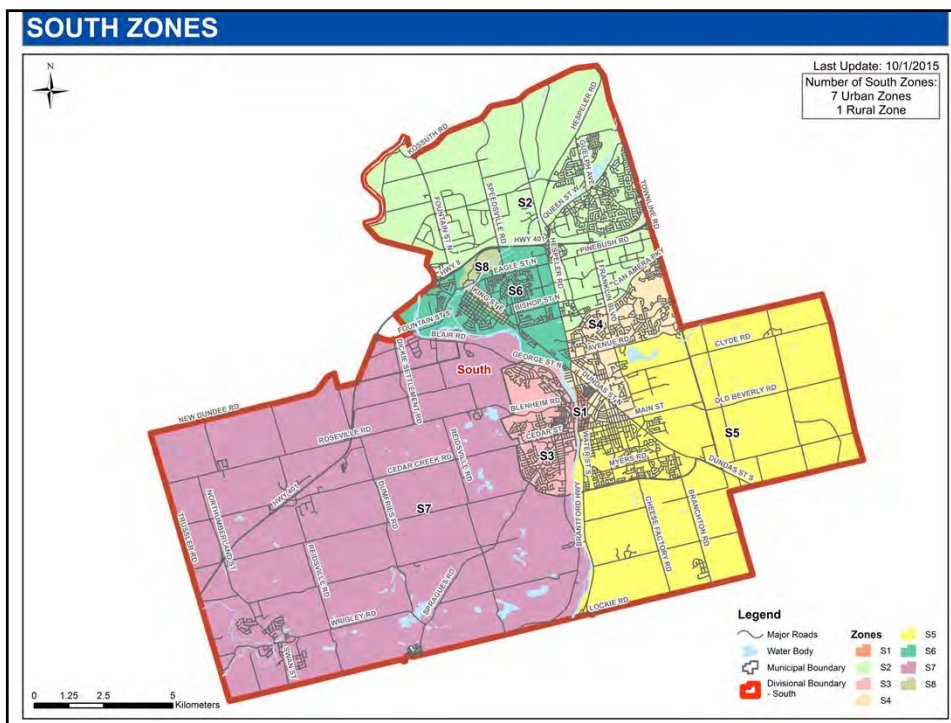
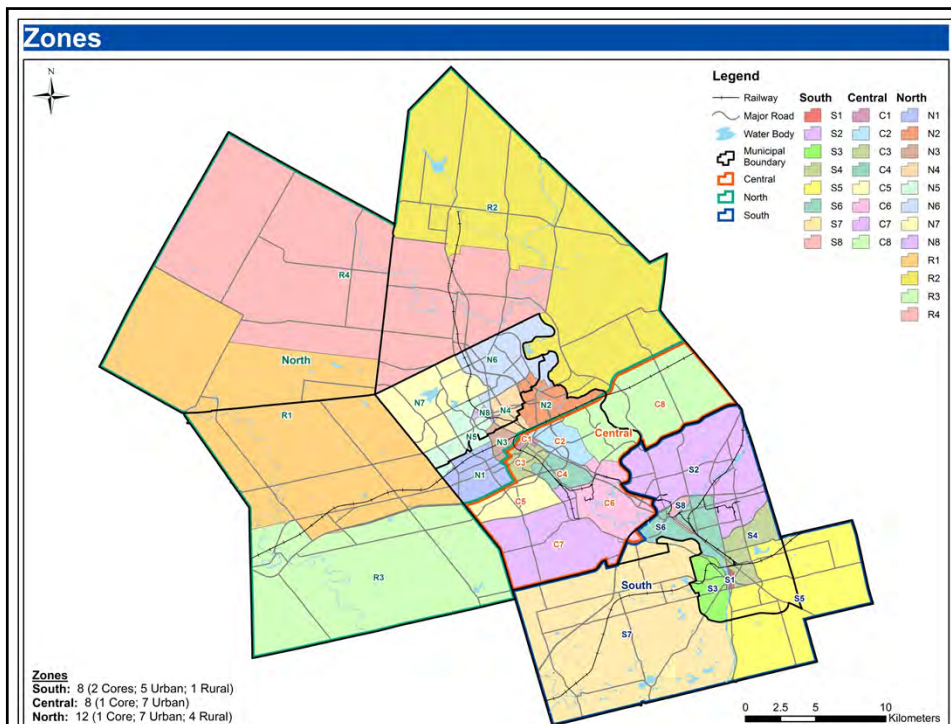
This review is a key objective in the 2015-2017 SBP, with January 2016 as the target implementation date.

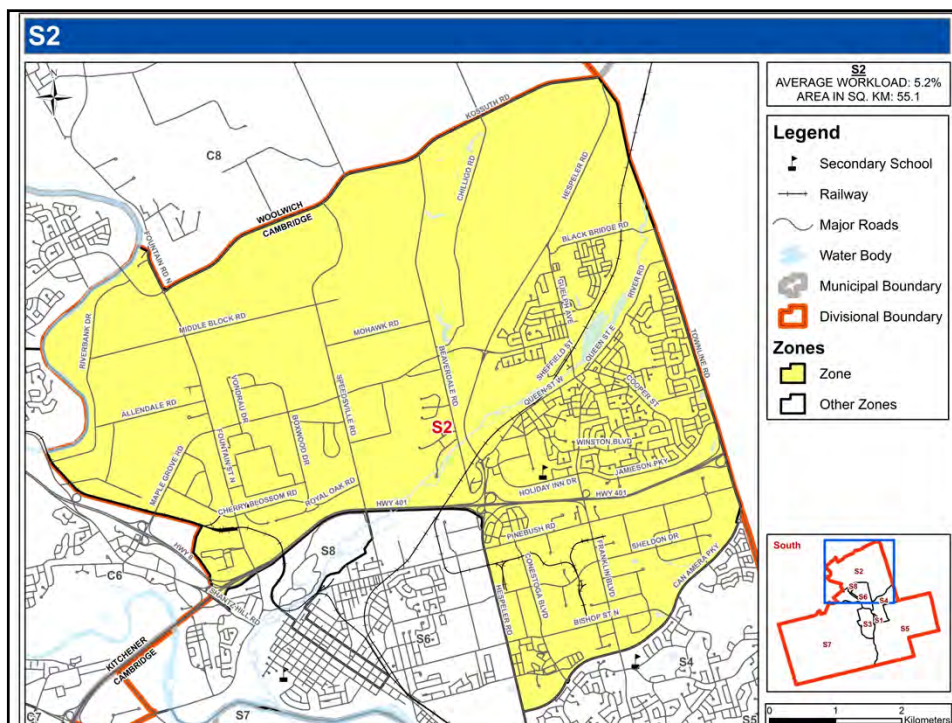
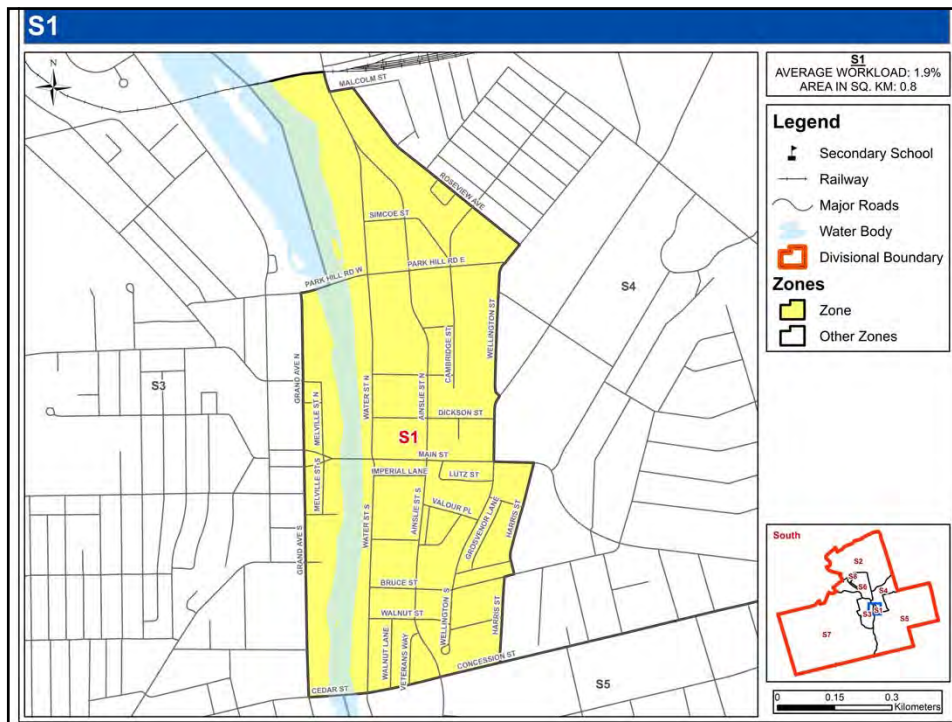
Deliverable	Completed 2015
Phase 1 – Divisional Boundaries and Rural Deployment	
Member survey on divisional boundaries	March 26
Meetings with divisional commanders including core zone design	April 29
Presentation to Chief, DCs, NP Supt.	May 8
Presentation to SLT	May 14
Phase 2 – Zone Design	
Member survey on zone design	July 3
Meetings with divisional commanders and management teams	August 21
Presentation to Chief, DCs, NP Supt.	September 2
Presentation to SLT	September 17
Phase 3 – Transition to Go-Live	January 3, 2016

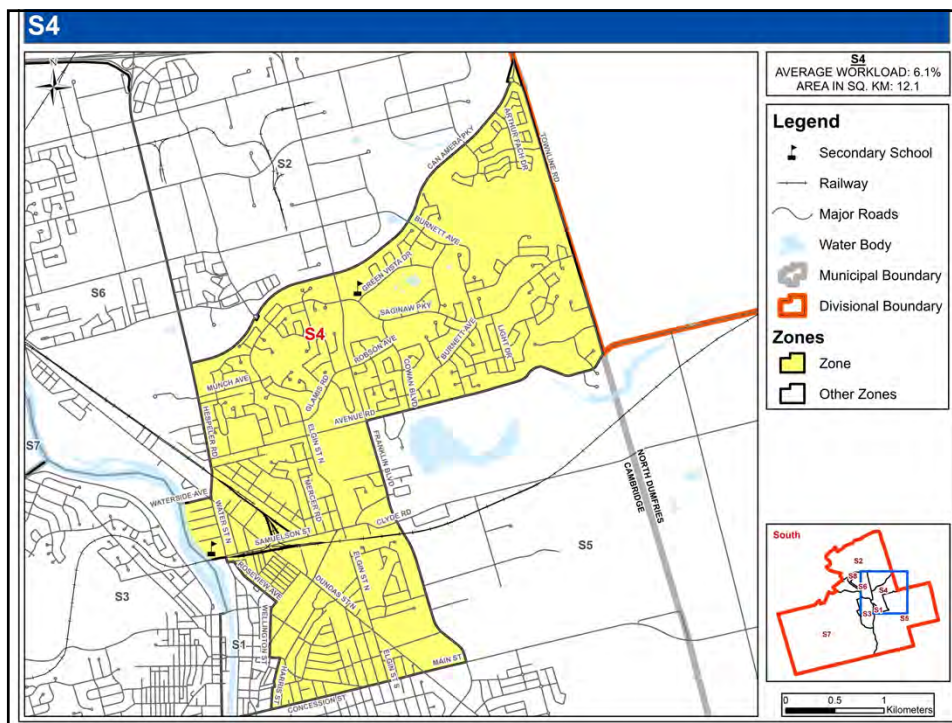
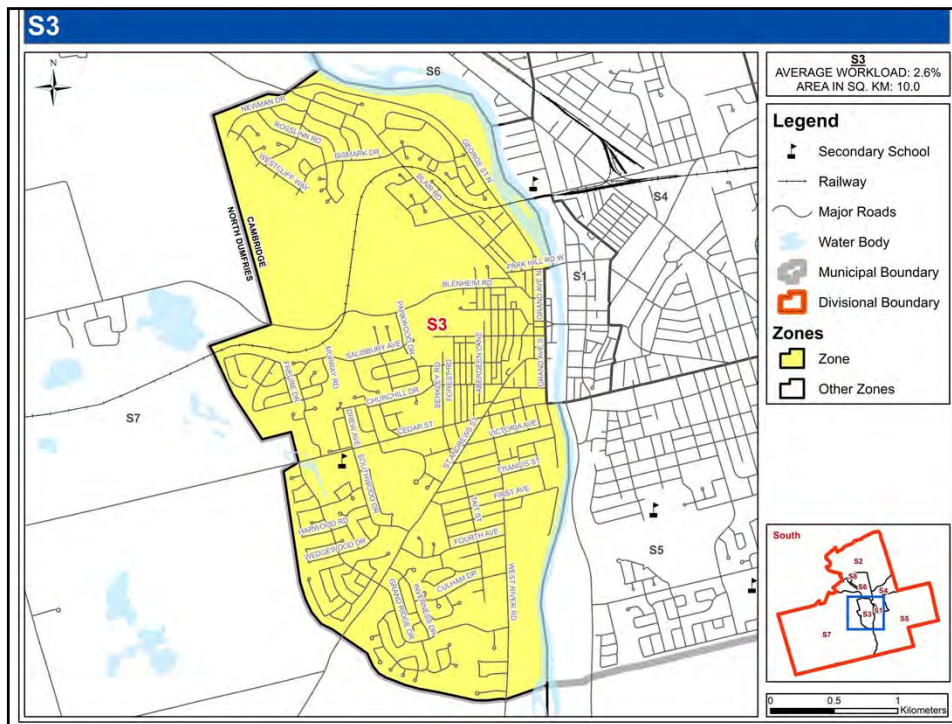


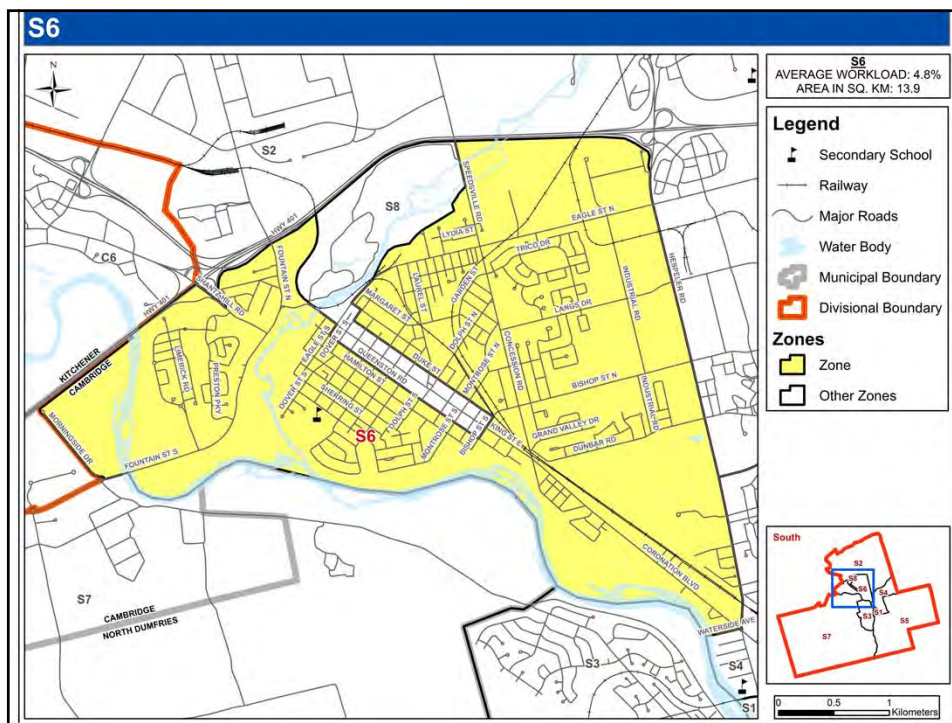
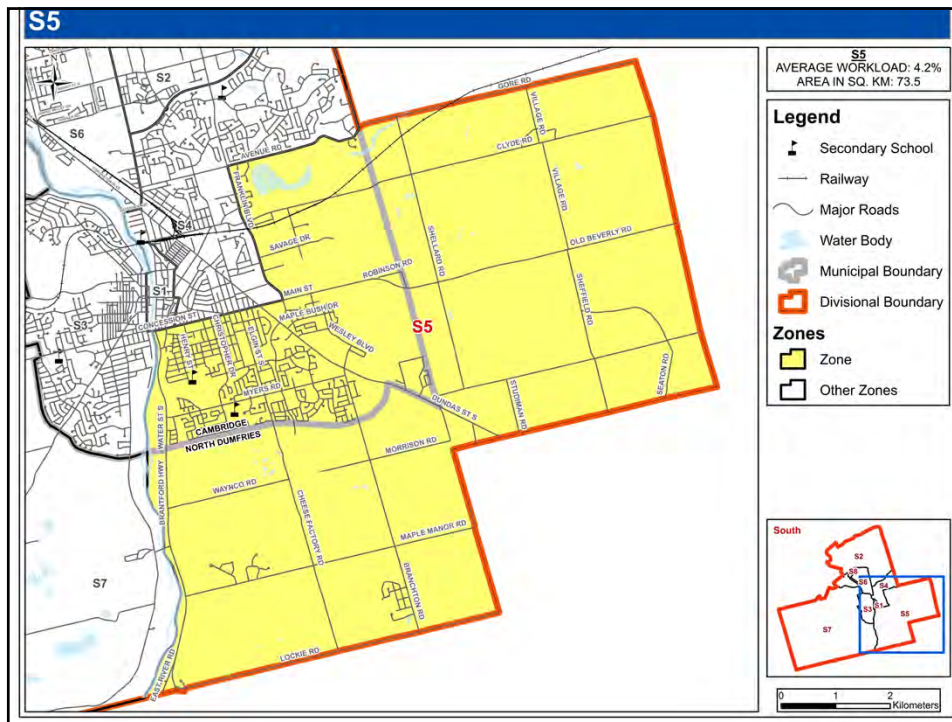
SUMMARY OF ZONE STATISTICS

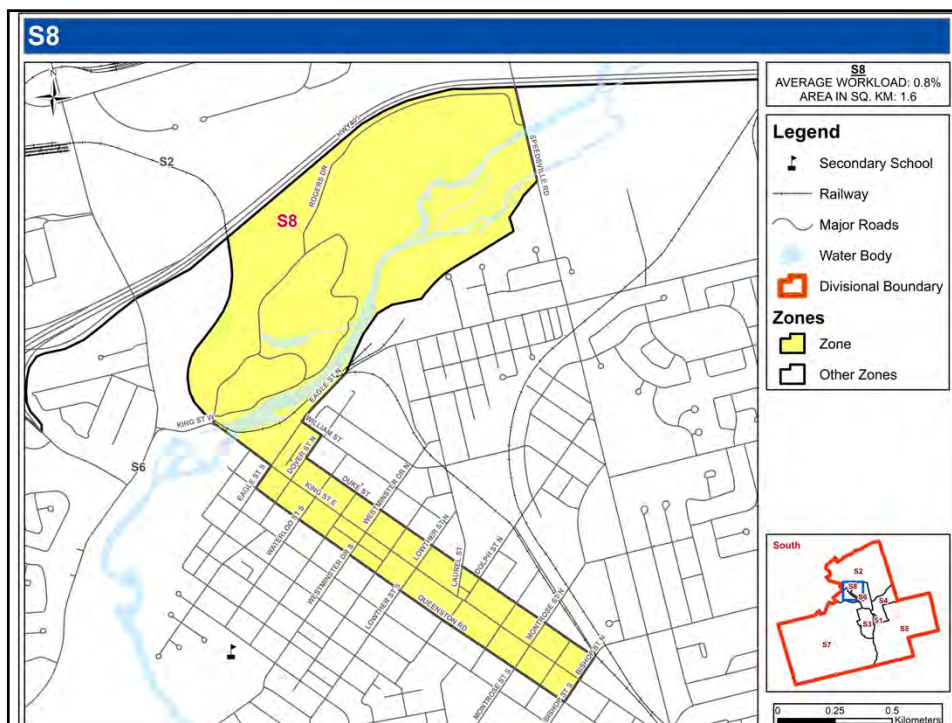
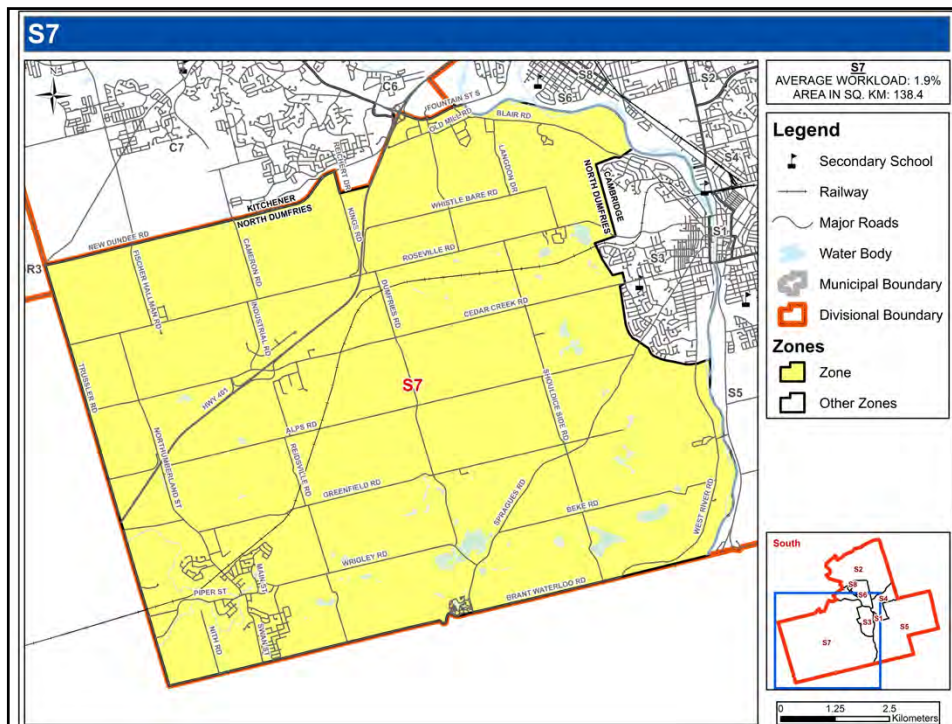
		Workload Distribution (2015-2016)								Regional Area	
	No. of Zones	Zones	All Unit Service Time (hours)	Patrol Unit Service Time (hours)	CG Calls For Service (count)	All Unit Service Time Percentage of Regional Total	Patrol Unit Service Time Percentage of Regional Total	CG Calls For Service Percentage of Regional Total	Average Percentage of Regional Total	Sq. Km	Percentage
Divisions											
Central Division			204,208	92,396	70,936	37.7%	37.9%	36.7%	37.4%	147.36	10.7%
North Division			193,786	82,135	70,266	35.8%	33.7%	36.3%	35.3%	930.62	67.3%
South Division			143,785	69,271	52,142	26.5%	28.4%	27.0%	27.3%	305.47	22.1%
Regional Total			541,779	243,802	193,344	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	1,383.45	100.0%
South Zones											
	8	S1 (Salt Core)	9,611.43	4,581.71	3,765	1.8%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	0.75	0.1%
		S2	27,515.48	12,132.39	10,414	5.1%	5.0%	5.4%	5.1%	55.16	4.0%
		S3	12,541.12	6,515.51	5,169	2.3%	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%	10.04	0.7%
		S4	31,442.86	15,710.78	11,571	5.8%	6.4%	6.0%	6.1%	12.07	0.9%
		S5	21,215.49	10,879.31	8,270	3.9%	4.5%	4.3%	4.2%	73.52	5.3%
		S6	26,911.81	11,755.14	8,839	5.0%	4.8%	4.6%	4.8%	13.89	1.0%
		S7	10,404.63	5,790.59	2,572	1.9%	2.4%	1.3%	1.9%	138.37	10.0%
		S8 (Preston Core)	4,233.69	1,953.73	1,542	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	1.63	0.1%
Central Zones											
	8	C1 (Kitchener Core)	28,780.00	10,461.58	8,802	5.3%	4.3%	4.6%	4.7%	0.95	0.1%
		C2	29,577.29	13,138.99	10,083	5.5%	5.4%	5.2%	5.4%	8.42	0.6%
		C3	29,701.58	14,237.71	10,568	5.5%	5.8%	5.5%	5.6%	5.41	0.4%
		C4	25,515.80	12,454.06	9,399	4.7%	5.1%	4.9%	4.9%	6.59	0.5%
		C5	28,556.27	1,373.09	11,151	5.3%	0.6%	5.8%	3.9%	12.61	0.9%
		C6	24,835.67	10,991.24	8,344	4.6%	4.5%	4.3%	4.5%	20.88	1.5%
		C7	14,373.02	6,542.42	5,445	2.7%	2.7%	2.8%	2.7%	39.43	2.9%
		C8	22,421.82	10,086.56	7,048	4.1%	4.1%	3.6%	4.0%	53.10	3.8%
North Zones											
	12	N1	24,349.73	12,700.14	9,587	4.5%	5.2%	5.0%	4.9%	13.03	0.9%
		N2	15,502.16	6,462.09	5,121	2.9%	2.7%	2.6%	2.7%	11.65	0.8%
		N3	27,531.07	9,086.37	6,957	5.1%	3.7%	3.6%	4.1%	3.58	0.3%
		N4	22,605.98	10,749.65	9,337	4.2%	4.4%	4.8%	4.5%	6.15	0.4%
		N5	16,500.59	7,127.39	6,362	3.0%	2.9%	3.3%	3.1%	11.88	0.9%
		N6	26,333.07	10,559.50	11,601	4.9%	4.3%	6.0%	5.1%	22.50	1.6%
		N7	20,243.61	9,875.27	7,918	3.7%	4.1%	4.1%	4.0%	27.00	2.0%
		N8 (Waterloo Core)	8,094.15	2,752.33	3,140	1.5%	1.1%	1.6%	1.4%	1.02	0.1%
		R1	8,228.61	2,548.99	2,151	1.5%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	229.39	16.6%
		R2	8,835.28	3,806.32	3,034	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	206.49	14.9%
		R3	8,802.23	3,651.42	2,791	1.6%	1.5%	1.4%	1.5%	141.65	10.2%
		R4	6,678.67	2,780.52	2,228	1.2%	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%	256.25	18.5%

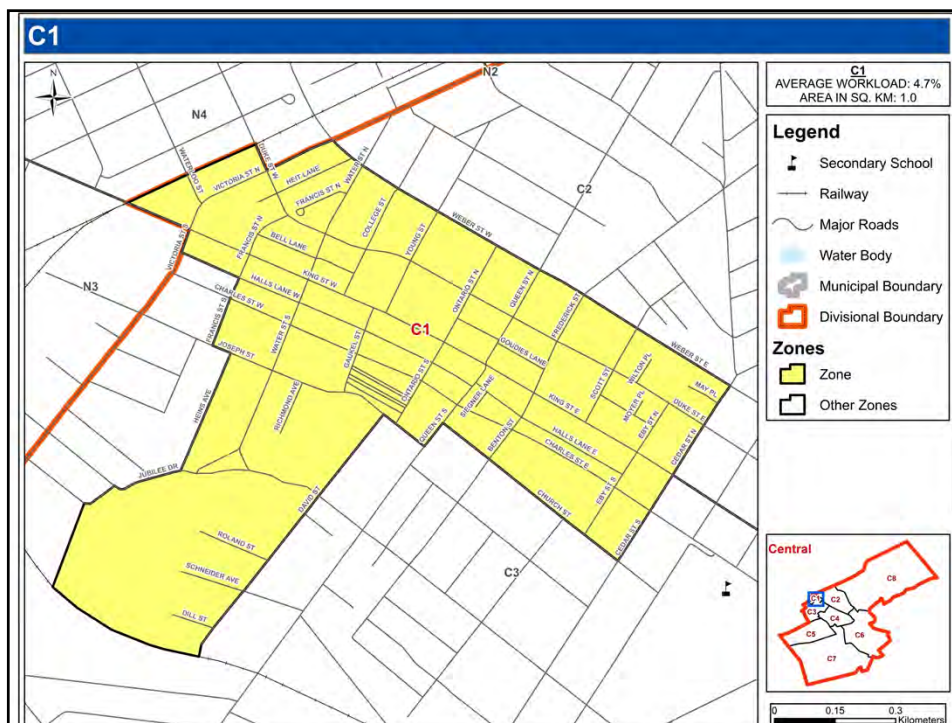
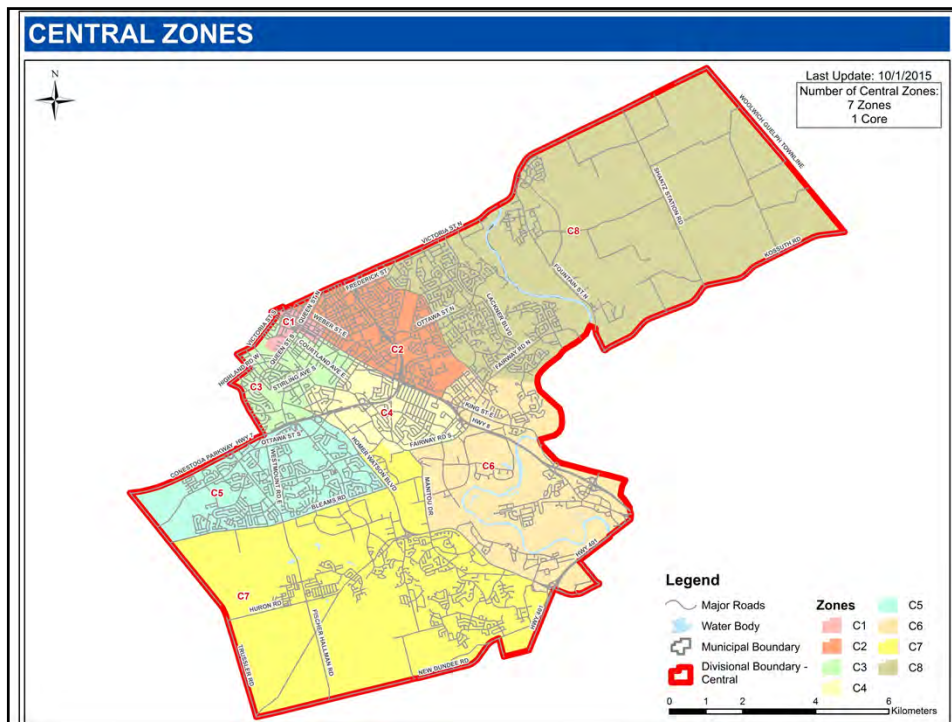


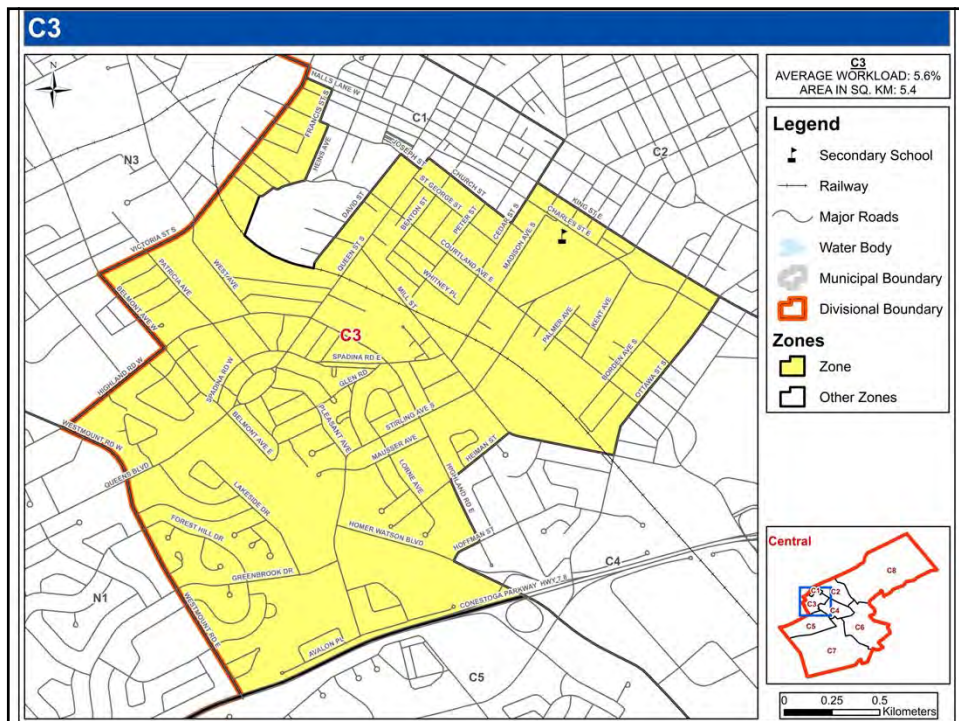
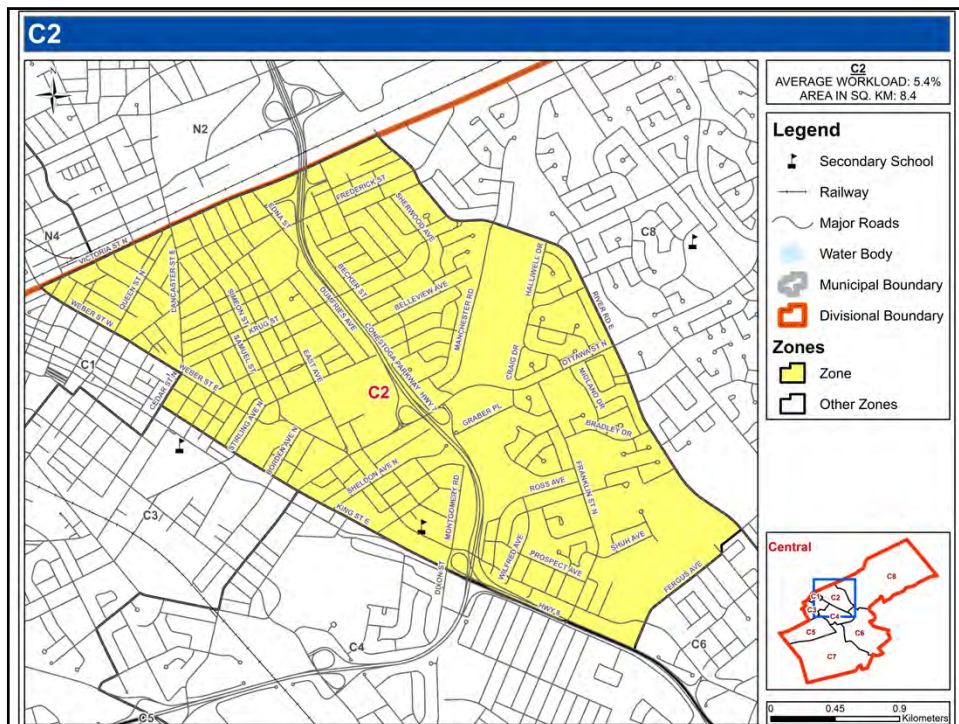


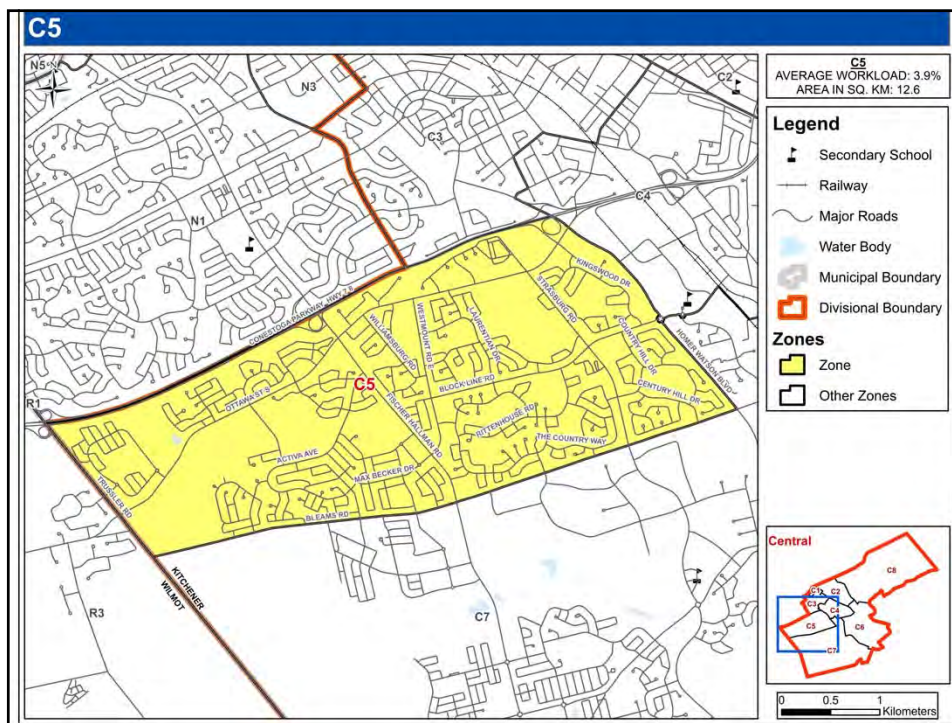
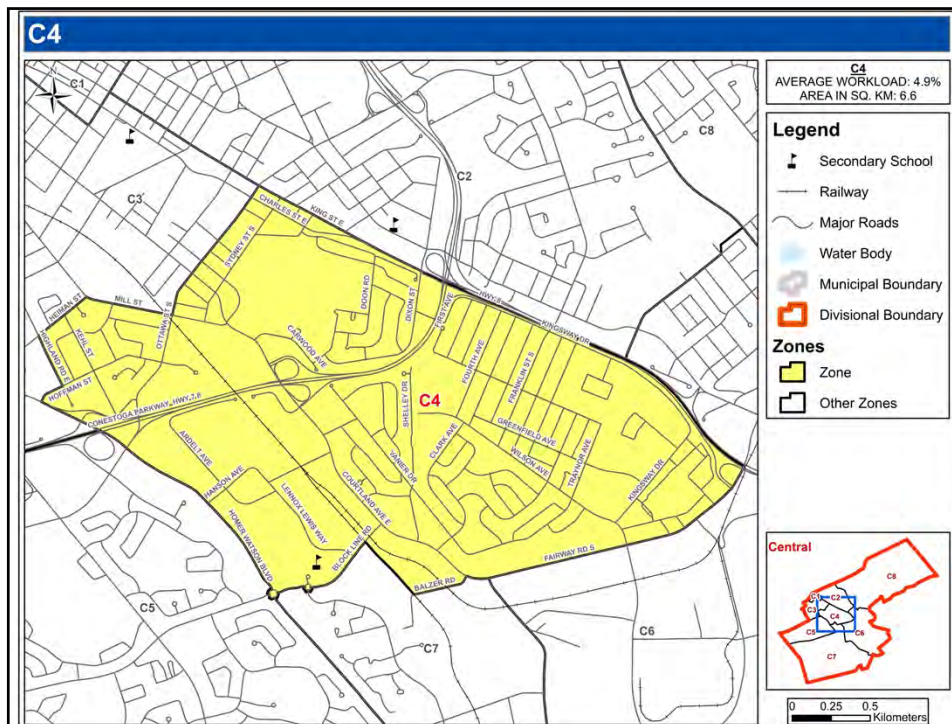


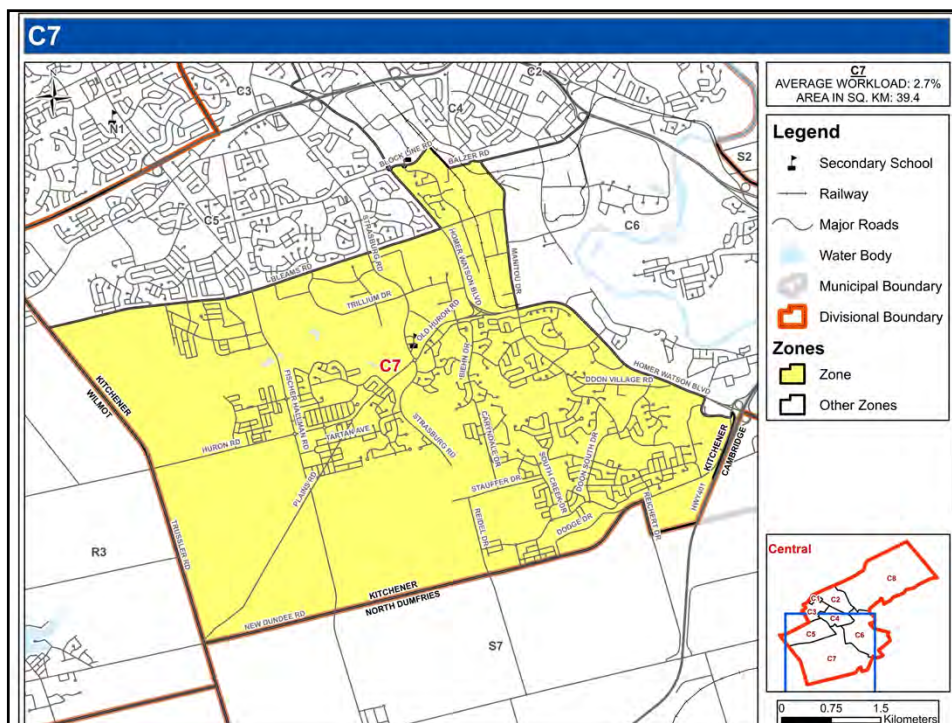
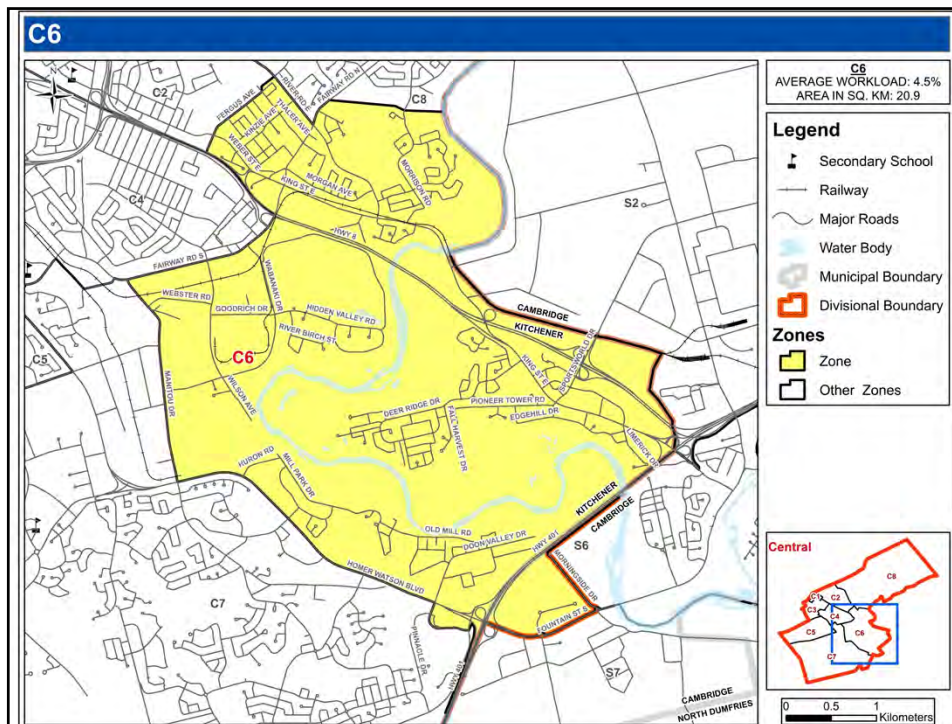


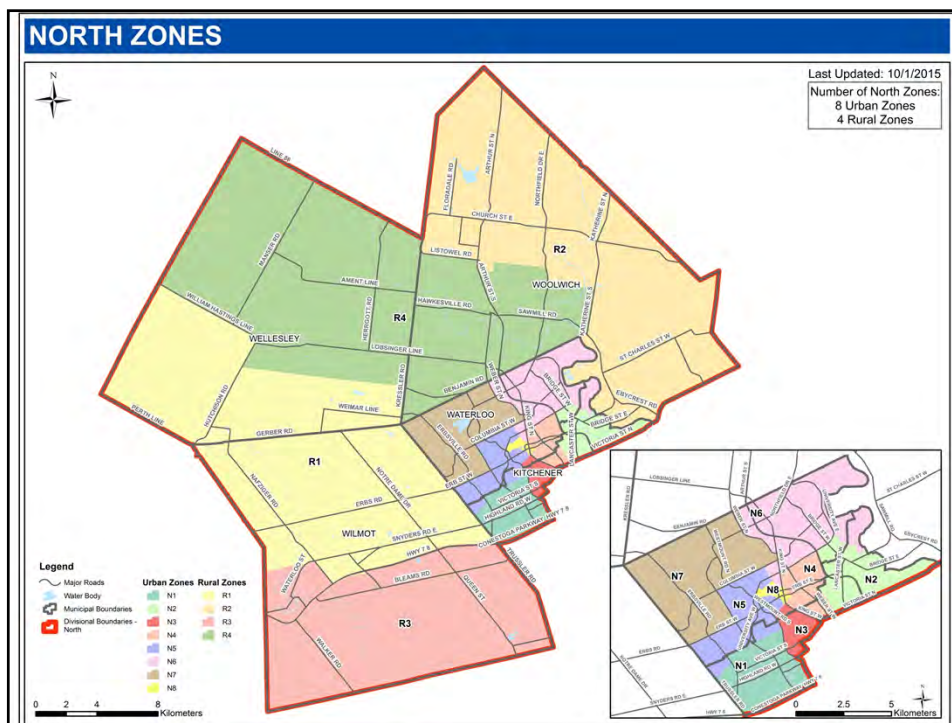
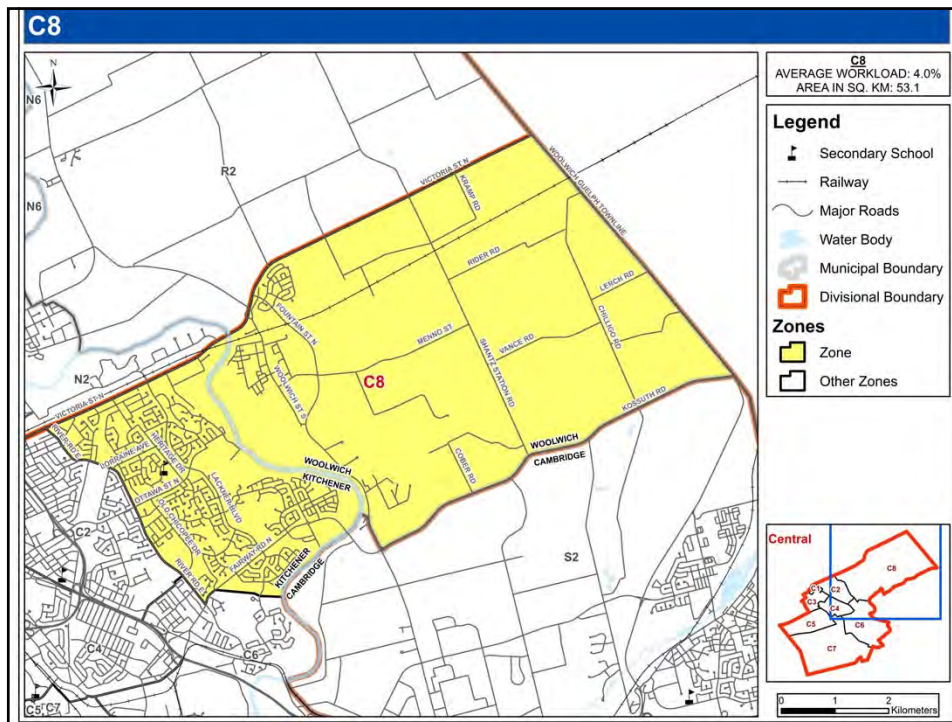


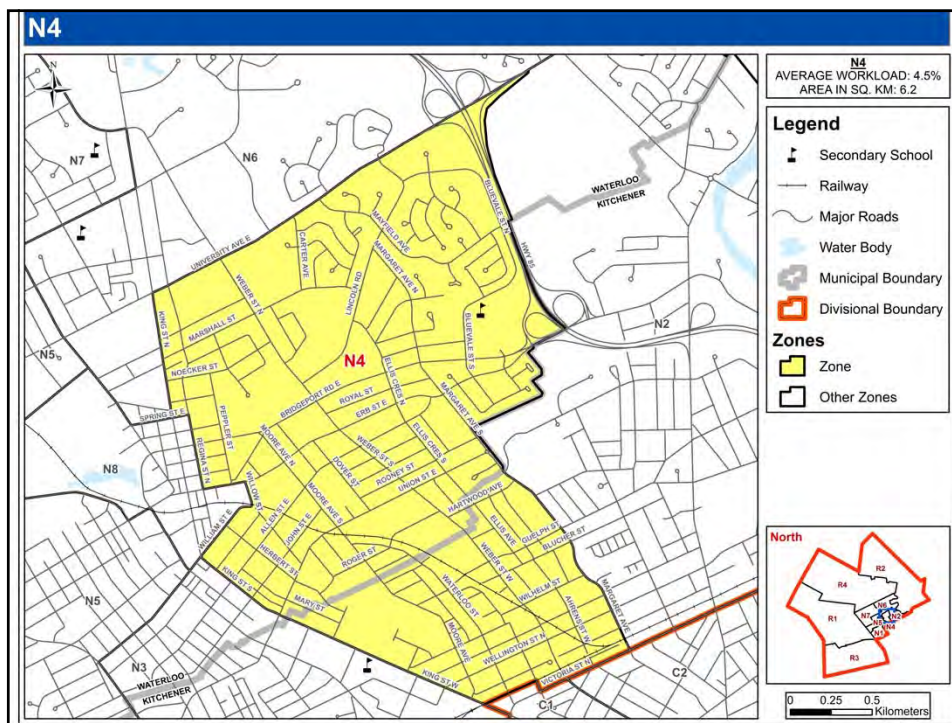
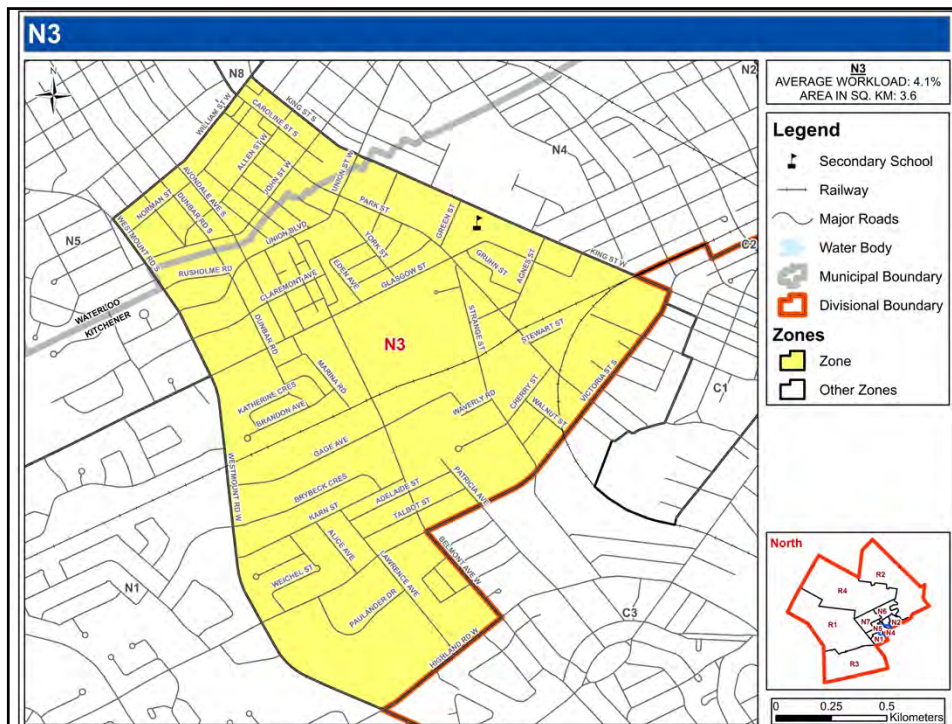


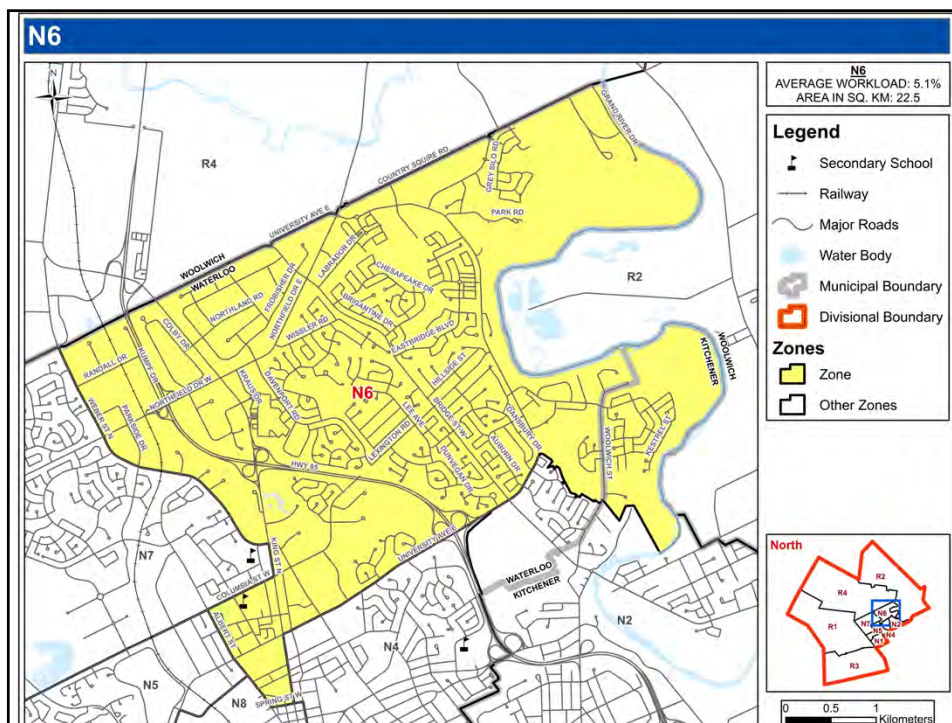
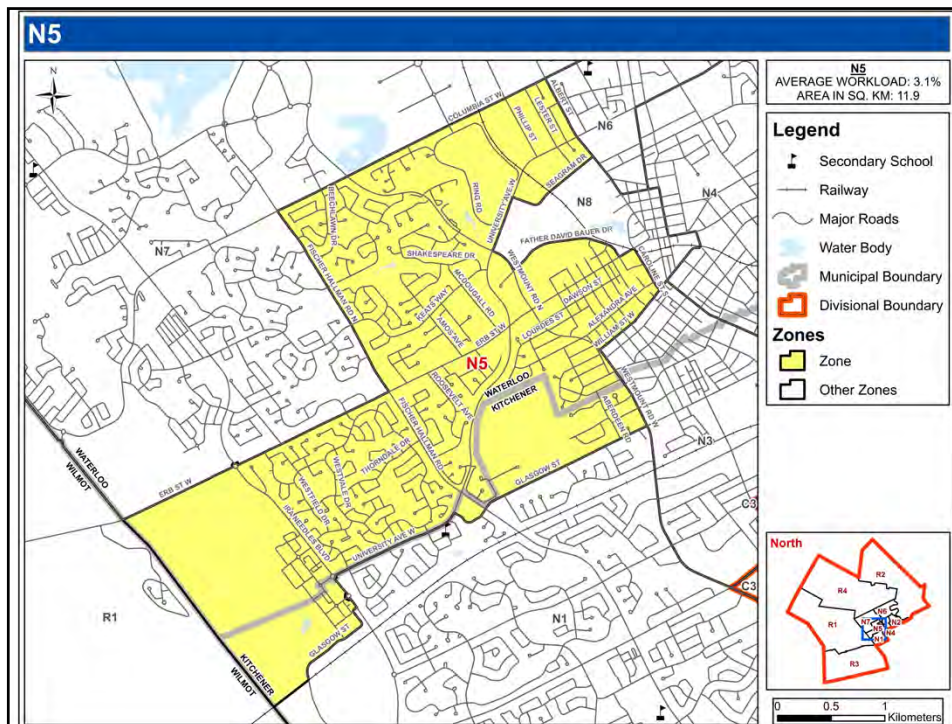


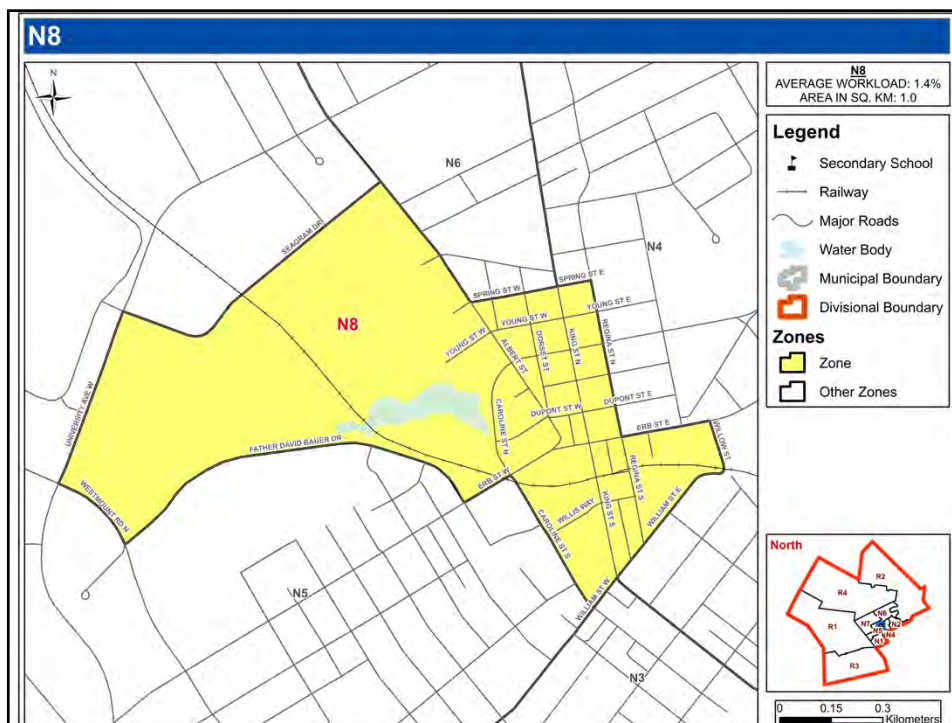
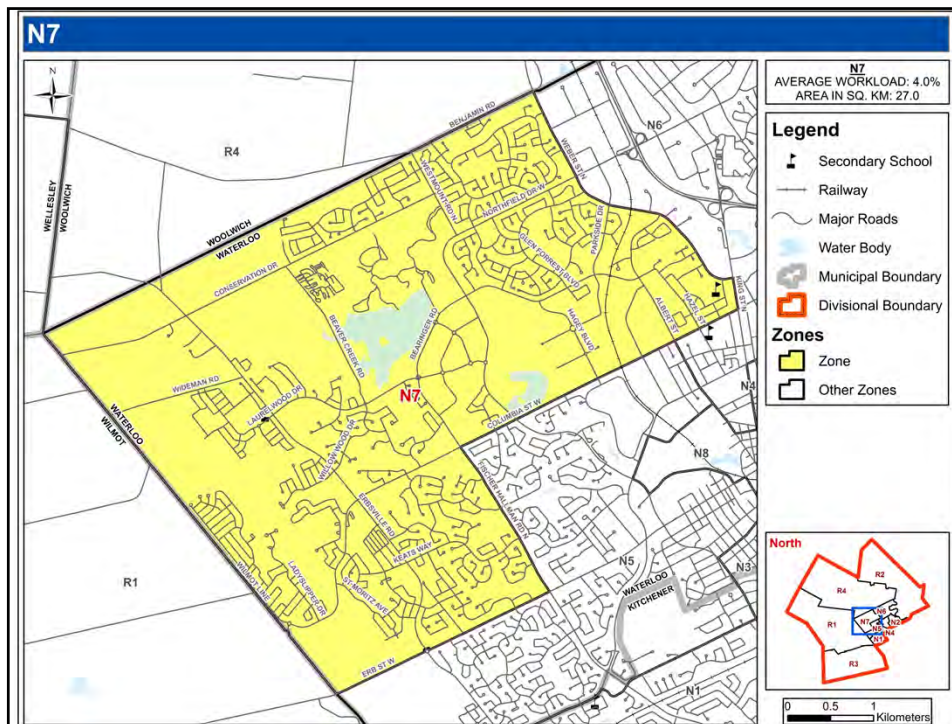


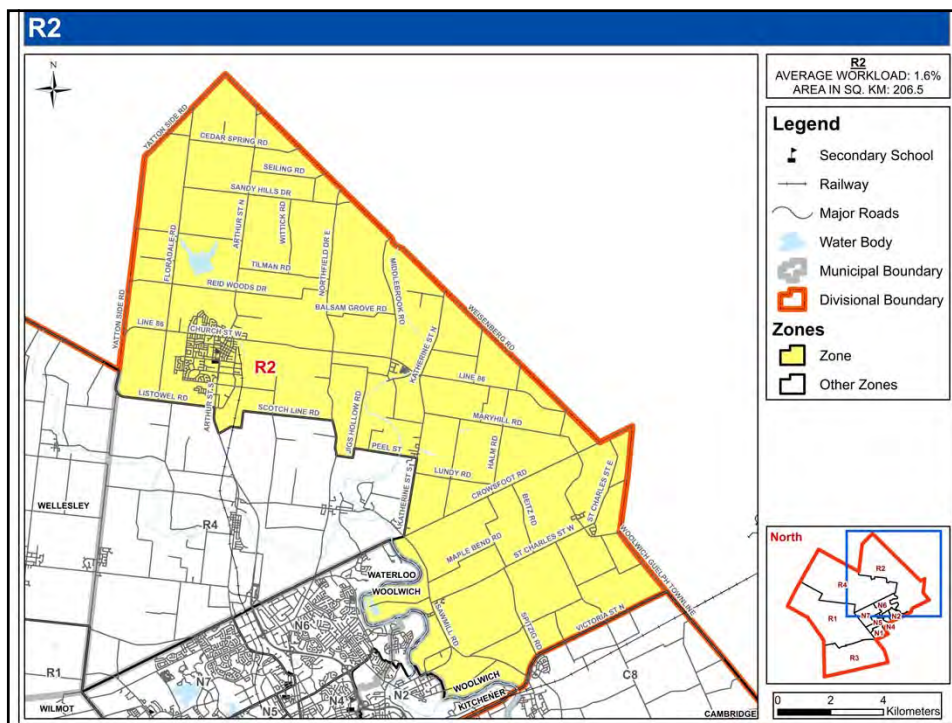
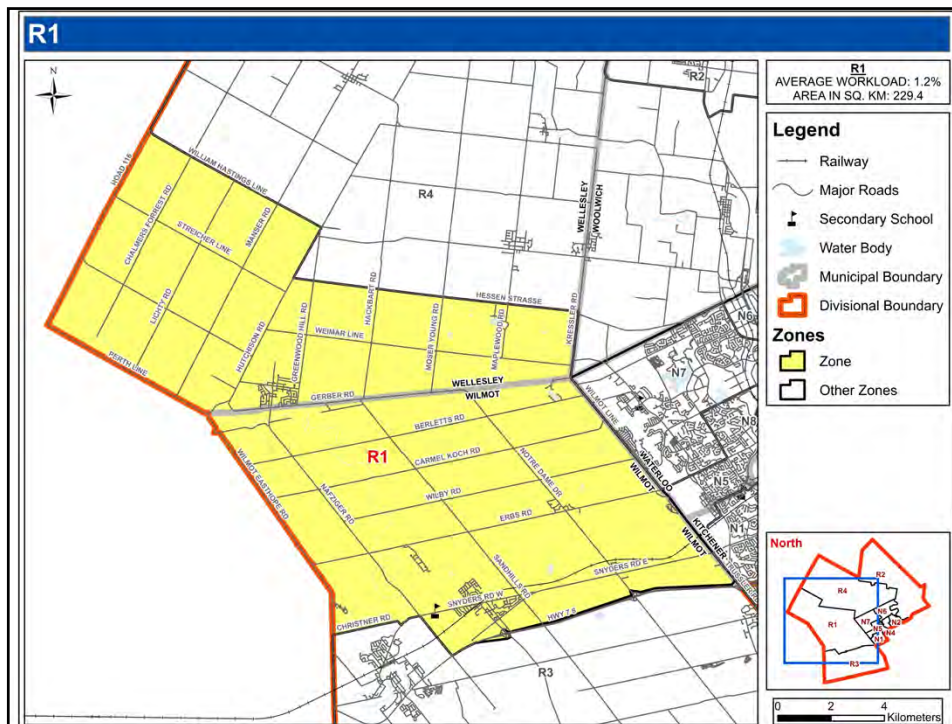


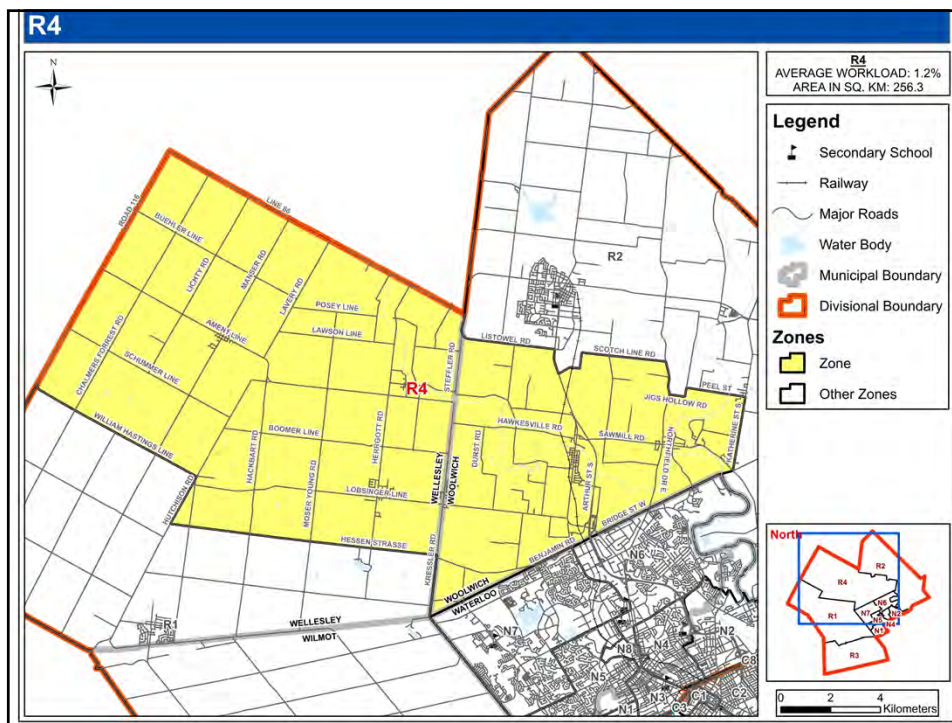
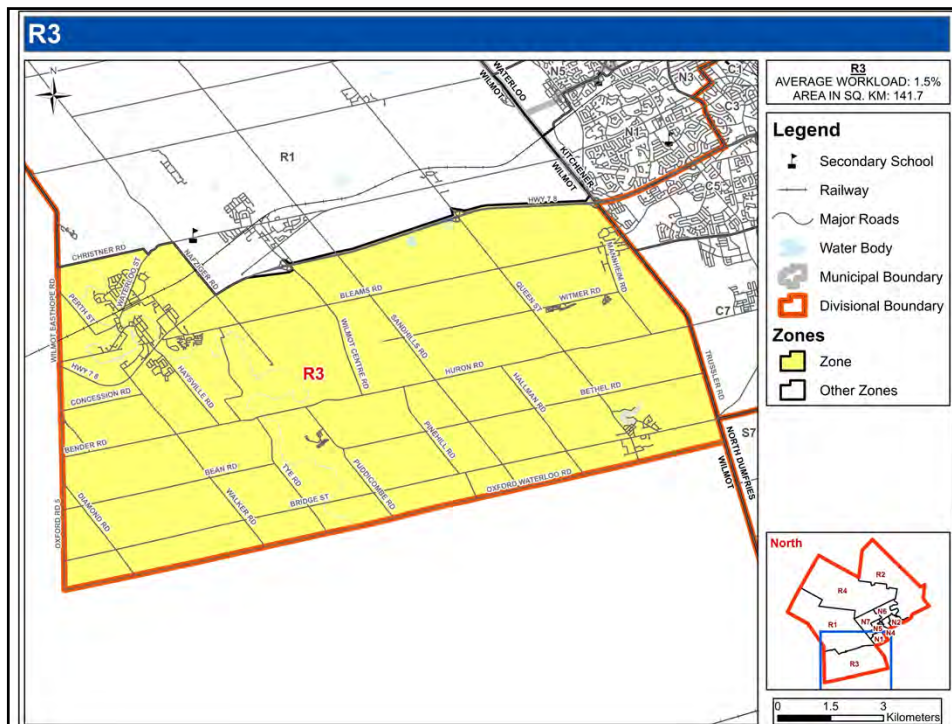


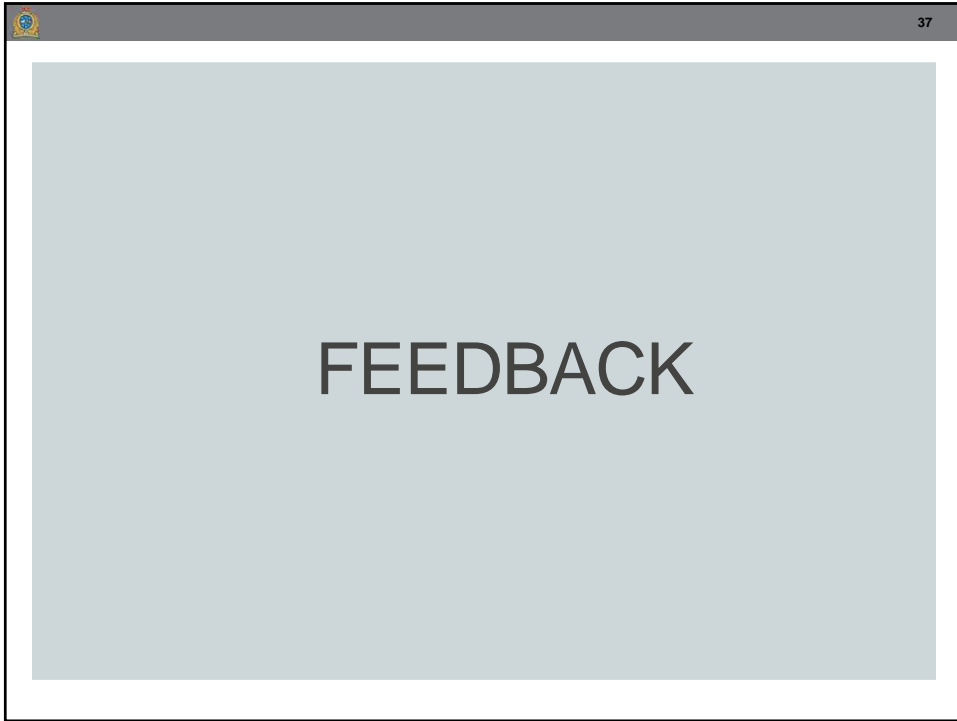


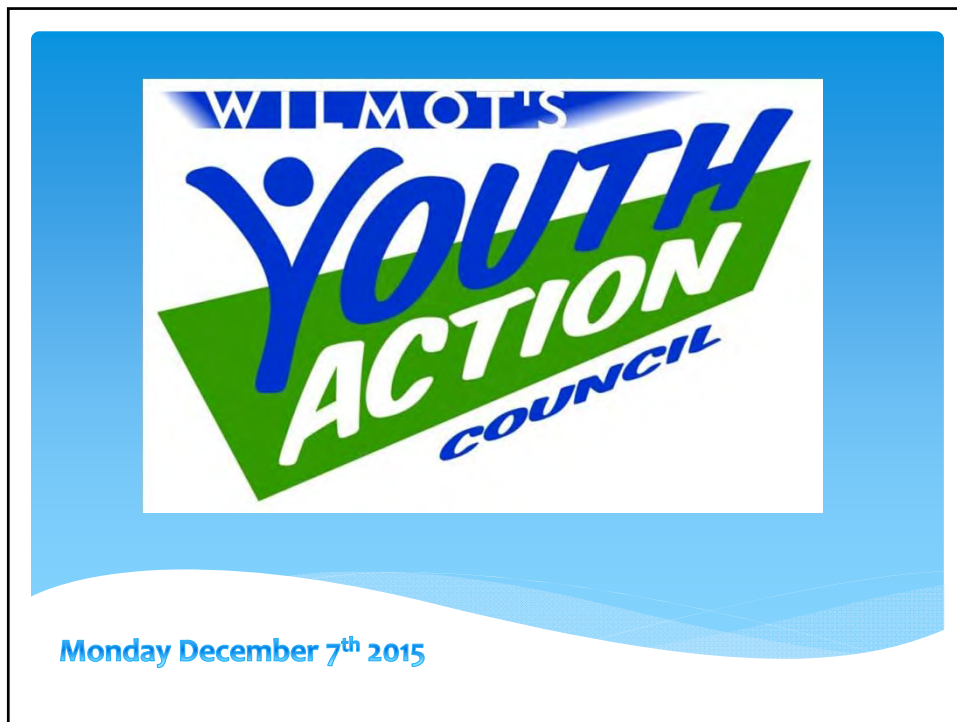












Who We Are

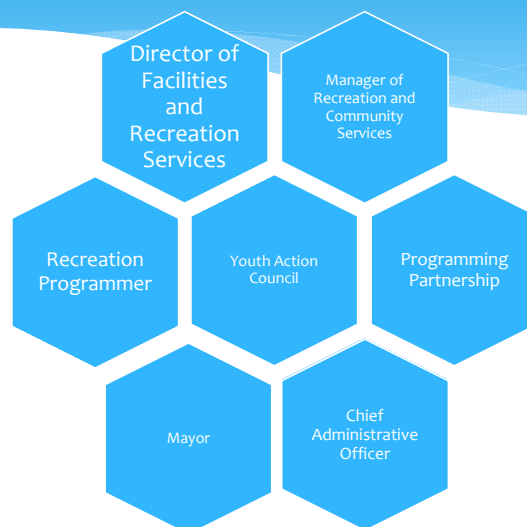
The purpose of the Youth Action Council is to provide an opportunity for individuals ages 14 through 19 years of age to be actively involved in the community and to have a voice/input relative to the programs and opportunities available to them. With the opportunity to build upon leadership, communication and organizational skills, these youth will learn and understand the importance of commitment and cooperation to achieve common goals.

The Youth Action Council will aim to plan, organize and implement community activities and events for residents, specifically the Youth of Wilmot Township. These activities/events will occur once a month and rotate responsibility between all members of the Youth Action Council.

Our Structure

- * All youth are General Members
- * We have 6 youth whom are now Executive Members sitting in the following positions;
 - * Co-Chair/Chair
 - * Director of Public Relations & Communications
 - * Director of Social Engagement
 - * Director of Dynamics and Mentorship Program
 - * Director of Volunteers
 - * Director of Expenses
- * We have Lindsay, as assistant facilitator
- * And Lacey, our Facilitator

Formal Links



Ultimate Goal

To create a self-sustaining Youth Action Council, where all youth ages 14 through 19 have a safe space to become involved members of the community, and better themselves in the process.

Active Youth Lead to Active Adults

Our Goals

- * To provide youth in Wilmot Township with the opportunity to become involved in their community
- * To allow for leadership skills to be built and re-develop
- * To assist with creating a Youth Voice within the Township
- * To provide access to local jobs for youth to gain valuable working experience
- * To allow for input on programming opportunities at the Wilmot Recreation Complex
- * To build the strength of Youth within the Township limits and beyond
- * To create a sense of ownership within the community.

Budget

- * Expenses
 - * Monthly Events
 - * Themed Skates
- * Funding Sources
 - * Optimist Trust Fund
 - * Fundraising Opportunities
 - * New Hamburg Optimist Charity Gold Donation

Monthly Events

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| * September 2015 | Air Bands at New Hamburg Fall Fair |
| * October 2015 | Halloween Haunt |
| * November 2015 | Movie Night |
| * December 2015 | Help with the Baden Santa Clause Parade |
| * January | TBD |
| * February | Valentines Day Dance |
| * March | TBD |
| * April | Old Barn Classic |
| * May | Youth Week |

Wilmot's youth Action Council Presents:

*Friday May 1st -
Thursday May 7th*

YOUTH WEEK!

Friday May 1st @ 7pm-9:30pm	Kick Off Dance \$5.00 at door	Hosted at the New Hamburg Community Centre
Saturday May 2nd @2-4pm	Outdoor Games	Hosted at WRC meet in the Optimist Youth Centre
Sunday May 3rd @2-4pm	Scavenger Hunt & Bake Sale	Hosted at WRC meet in the Optimist Youth Centre
Monday May 4th @7pm	Movie Night: The Lego Movie	Hosted at WRC in the Optimist Youth Centre
Tuesday May 5th @6:30-8:30pm	Forest Glen Gym Night \$1.00 at door	Hosted at Forest Glen in the Gym
Wednesday May 6th @7:30-9pm	The Amazing Race	Hosted at WRC in the Optimist Youth Centre
Thursday May 7th @7:30-9pm	Cake Boss	Hosted at WRC in the Optimist Youth Centre

To Contact us: wilmotsyouthactioncouncil@gmail.com

Check us out on Facebook! Wilmots Youth Action Council

Communication and Advertisements

We feel that this is an area of improvement for us, and we are looking for alternative ways to get out into the community.

Our Ideas:

- * Our social media accounts, Facebook and Twitter
- * Digital Signs in Baden, New Hamburg and New Dundee
- * Monthly Baden Outlook Articles
- * Posters and flyers around Wilmot



Connections with our Schools

During the month of October, Lacey meet with the principals of the elementary schools in the Township to find ways to successfully communicate our events and initiatives to the younger students.

Schools will be doing a combination of;

- * Sharing our information on their social media sites
- * Sharing on the individual school websites and School Board Websites
- * Posters around the schools
- * Announcements in the morning



Community Support

Since the creation of Youth Council in 2013, we have reached out and created relationships with all of the Service Clubs in the Township.

- * Victoria Day Committee
 - * Parking and Food Volunteers
- * Baden Optimist Club
 - * Parade Volunteers
- * New Hamburg Optimist Club
 - * Fall Fair Volunteers
- * Canada Day Committee
 - * Face Painting



Youth Friendly Community Application

- * A recognition program designed to showcase cities, towns and communities that they value their youth
- * There are 16 criteria in which you can apply for as many that are applicable to your location; we are applying for 14 of the possible 16
- * The recognition is good for 5 years
- * Four levels of recognition, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum



Moving Forward

Our Objectives

- * Finding new and creative opportunities to publicize events and initiatives
- * Create a Re-launch for the Optimist Youth Centre
- * Use our voice within the Elementary Schools and Waterloo Oxford to advertise our initiatives
- * To encourage more youth to join Youth Action Council
- * To have our current members learn the importance of planning a successful event, and improving organization & communication skills as well as their working relationships with peers

Volunity

Ultimate Goal

- * To bridge the gap between youth looking to volunteer and organizations, agencies, clubs and individuals that have volunteer driven initiatives. We want to create volunteer opportunities for youth in Wilmot and to provide services to those in need where they were not previously available



Volunity Structure



Moving Forward

- * We will be actively seeking out business, service clubs and local events that will require volunteers
- * We will share with the youth the importance of volunteerism and the positive effect that it has on a community
- * We will build up Volunity to ensure its success within our community

Questions?



Thank you







A Merry Victorian Christmas



Christmas at the Castle

Castle is fully decorated until Jan. 4th

The table is set, the trees are trimmed, and the warmth and charm will kindle your holiday spirit. Visiting Wilmot Township's National Historic site is truly a magical time. When we celebrate Christmas with family and friends, we have the Victorians to thank for many of its joyful festivities and delightful customs. Step back in time and visit historic Castle Kilbride.



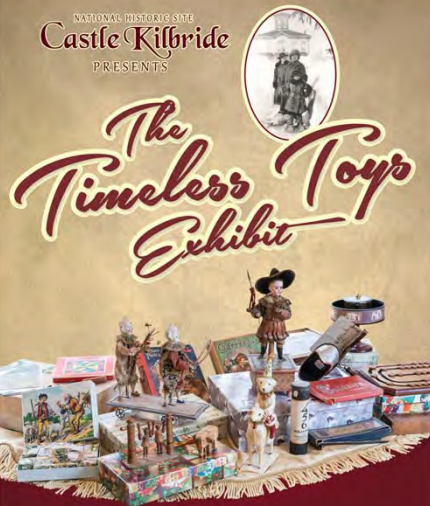
Touring Hours:

Regular Hours: Tuesday through Sunday until December 23 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Holiday Hours: December 21-23, 27-30, January 2-3 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

www.castlekilbride.ca

Castle Kilbride



NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
Castle Kilbride
PRESENTS

The Timeless Toys Exhibit

Step into a bygone era of childhood nostalgia featuring memorable toys from the 1870s to the 1950s. This impressive collection will have you saying "I wanted that" or "I played with that."

On display at Castle Kilbride until January 3rd, 2016

Castle Kilbride National Historic Site 60 Snyder's Road West, Baden, ON N3A 1A1
Tel: 519.634.8444 Toll free: 1-800-469-5576 www.castlekilbride.ca



Timeless Toys Exhibit

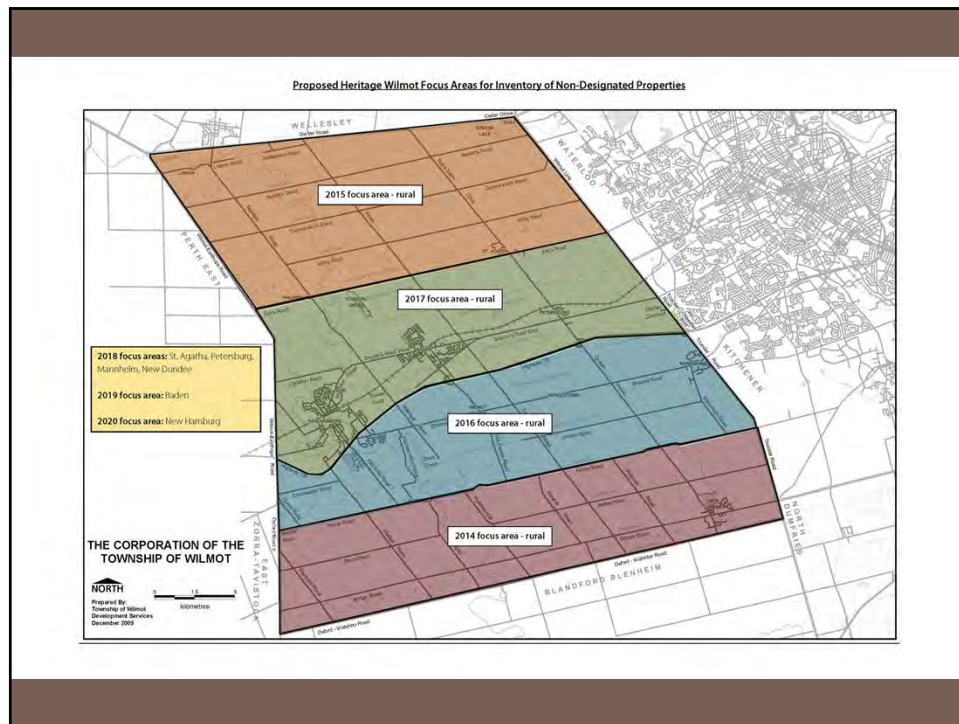
On display until
January 3, 2016





Overview

- The municipal register is the official list of properties that have been identified as being important to Wilmot Township's heritage.
- The Ontario Heritage Act allows municipalities to include properties that have not been formally designated.
- Heritage Wilmot updates the list from time to time and presents it to Council for consideration and approval.
- Last update was in late 2014, where we added 4 properties.
- Tonight we are proposing to add an additional 8 properties based on our recent research.



Why include properties on the register?

- ✓ To recognize properties of cultural heritage value in Wilmot Township.
- ✓ To promote knowledge and enhance an understanding of our community's cultural heritage.
- ✓ It provides easily accessible information about cultural heritage properties for planners, property owners, developers, the tourism industry, educators and the general public.
- ✓ It is a planning document that will be consulted by municipal decision makers when reviewing development proposals or permit applications.

Response	Percentage
Yes	65%
No	35%

For Wilmot Township, the Non-Designated Heritage Register currently features 56 heritage properties.



HERITAGE REGISTER OF NON-DESIGNATED PROPERTIES
FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT

2015



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HERITAGE REGISTER OF NON-DESIGNATED PROPERTIES
FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT

2015

Photo	Name of Building/Block #	Year Built	Property Address / Owner's Address	Photo	Name of Building/Block #	Year Built	Property Address / Owner's Address	Mailing Address	Legal Address	Cultural Heritage Value/Heritage Attributes
	1000 Homerberg House 900-029-0508	1888	15 Homer Road Bakers		1001 Lynette Smith House 933-029-3205	1934	4027 Homer Road Bakers	New Hamburg	10140 MC, Coon & Boush	Designated a Historic Townhouse Style house, built in 1934, this house is a fine example of a Midwestern house built in the style of a



PROPOSED ADDITIONS

NON-DESIGNATED HERITAGE REGISTER

2015



EIDT HOME: 3664 ERB'S ROAD

1846 Georgian



1846 Georgian



ANGIE'S: 1761 ERB'S ROAD, ST. AGATHA

1854 Georgian



1854 Georgian



DIETRICH HOME: 1386 ERB'S ROAD

1861 Georgian



1861 Georgian



“ELDERBERRY LANE” /MARTIN HOME:
1360 WILBY ROAD

1873 Georgian



1873 Georgian



FRASER HOME: 3092 WILBY ROAD

1863 Georgian



1863 Georgian



FOSTER HOME: 1410 WILBY ROAD

1874 Gothic Revival



1874 Gothic Revival



KROETSCH HOME: 1513 ERB'S ROAD

1857 Georgian



BECKDALE FARMS: 1149 SNYDER'S RD

c.1880 Italianate

CLOSING

We are recommending these 8 properties be added to the Heritage Register of Non-Designated Properties for the Township of Wilmot:

- 3664 Erb's Road, St. Agatha – Eidt Home
- 1761 Erb's Road, St. Agatha – "Angie's"
- 1386 Erb's Road, St. Agatha – Dietrich Home
- 1360 Wilby Road, St. Agatha – "Elderberry Lane" / Martin Home
- 3092 Wilby Road, St. Agatha – Fraser Home
- 1410 Wilby Road, St. Agatha – Foster Home
- 1513 Erb's Road, St. Agatha – Kroetsch Home
- 1149 Snyder's Road West, Baden – Beckdale Farms



- In addition, we have 20 properties designated individually and another approximately 35 properties that are part of the New Hamburg Heritage Conservation District.
- On June 7, 2015 Livingston Presbyterian Church in Baden was officially designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.
- Heritage Wilmot will continue to work on the inventory and update it when new information is available.
- Anticipate coming back with additional updates in 2016.

Thank you





Township of Wilmot REPORT

REPORT NO.	CK2015-06
TO:	Council
PREPARED BY:	Tracy Loch, Curator/Director
DATE:	December 7, 2015
SUBJECT:	Updated Heritage Register of Non-Designated Properties within the Township of Wilmot

Recommendation:

THAT the updated Register of Non-Designated Properties for the Township of Wilmot dated December 7, 2015 as submitted on behalf of the Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee, be adopted.

Background:

As part of its mandate from Wilmot Council, the Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee periodically reviews and updates the Register of Non-Designated properties within the Township of Wilmot for Council's approval. The Register reflects properties of cultural heritage value or interest to Wilmot Township. Using a checklist for criteria, properties are graded and classified. The Register is reviewed annually by the committee to support its mandate to Council. This municipal register is considered an inventory of properties of cultural heritage value or interest and is created and maintained by the committee.

Discussion:

As part of the process, Heritage Wilmot has evaluated the list and recommended at the November 4, 2015 meeting the addition of eight new properties to the Register for 2015. Letters to the property owners were mailed on November 4, 2015 informing the owner that their property has been recognized as being of historic interest to the Township of Wilmot's heritage committee and that the property has been chosen to be included on the Heritage Register of Non-designated Properties. A pamphlet also accompanied the letter which provided further information to the owner regarding the Non-Designated Register. Owners were notified that the updated list would be brought forward as a recommendation to Council and were invited to contact the Staff liaison (Tracy Loch) or Chairperson of Heritage Wilmot (Nick Bogaert) with any questions or concerns. No objections were raised from the property owners.

Accordingly, Heritage Wilmot recommends eight new additions to be added to the 2015 Heritage Register of Non-Designated Properties for the Township of Wilmot:

- 3664 Erb's Road, Baden – Eidt Home
- 1761 Erb's Road, St. Agatha – “Angie's Kitchen”
- 1386 Erb's Road, St. Agatha – Dietrich Home
- 1360 Wilby Road, St. Agatha – “Elderberry Lane” / Martin Home
- 3092 Wilby Road, Baden – Fraser Home
- 1410 Wilby Road, St. Agatha - Foster Home
- 1513 Erb's Road, St. Agatha – Kroetsch Home
- 1149 Snyder's Road West, Baden – Beckdale Farms

In addition, the Register as a whole was reviewed by the Committee and new information was added to various properties. Also, to provide additional clarity to the properties, a new column to the Register was added this year that differentiates between the physical property address and the mailing address. The list continues to be refined as new information is available.

Strategic Plan Conformity:

The report implements the following goals from the Strategic Plan:

- We are an engaged community through involving and supporting volunteers from the Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee.
- We enjoy our quality of life by protecting and promoting the Township's built heritage.
- The actions noted are in accordance with the municipal work program.

Financial Considerations:

n/a

Conclusion:

That report CK2015-06, the Heritage Register of Non-Designated Properties within the Township of Wilmot dated December 7, 2015 be adopted.

Tracy Loch
Curator/Director

Grant Whittington
Reviewed by CAO



Township of Wilmot REPORT

REPORT NO.	CL2015-35
TO:	Council
PREPARED BY:	Barbara McLeod, Director of Clerk's Services
DATE:	December 7, 2015
SUBJECT:	Proposed Lease of Ministry of Transportation Lands New Hamburg Identification Sign Highway 7/8 at Peel Street New Hamburg

Recommendation:

THAT Report No. CL2015-35, dated December 7, 2015 regarding the lease agreement with the Ministry of Transportation of lands situated at the intersection of Highway 7/8 and Peel Street, New Hamburg as defined in Appendix A to this Report, be endorsed, and further;

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

Background:

A highly anticipated project of the New Hamburg Board of Trade to erect an identification sign for the Settlement Area of New Hamburg has recently come to fruition with the Ministry of Transportation's recent acceptance of their sign application. The Board's project has been under consideration for a number of years and through the efforts of their Sign Committee, design Option 'B' was agreed upon by the Board (attached as Appendix B) and the process to apply to the Ministry was undertaken.

Discussion:

In order for the Board to install the sign along the road allowance of Highway 7 & 8 at Peel Street, it is necessary for the Township to enter into a lease agreement with the MTO of ministry lands located at the intersection of Highway 7 & 8 at Peel Street. There is an annual cost for the lease of the lands in the amount of \$200.00 net of HST. The Township will submit the annual payment of the annual lease and then recover the costs from the NH Board of Trade. The term of the lease is for five (5) years with an option for renewal or termination. The Board of

Trade will be required to obtain a sign permit under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act for the new identification sign in advance of installation and as a condition of the lease and sign application approval by MTO, the existing New Hamburg identification sign (flower bed) will need to be removed prior to the new sign installation. As well, the Board of Trade will be required to obtain a building permit for the sign through the Township's Development Services Department. The proposed installation date for the sign is spring of 2016.

Strategic Plan Conformity:

Through the lease agreement of the Ministry's lands, the Township is fulfilling its short term goal of partnering with the New Hamburg Board of Trade to develop signage to promote the New Hamburg Heritage District. The agreement will also assist in promoting the community among Wilmot residents, attract visitors and promote economic development.

Financial Considerations:

The lease agreement payment of \$200.00 net of HST will be paid annually to the Minister of Finance by the Township with reimbursement from the NH Board of Trade.

Conclusion:

All negotiations with the Ministry of Transportation for the sign application have been undertaken by the NH Board of Trade directly with the Ministry.

Staff recommend that the Report be endorsed to lease the lands for the sole purposes of erecting the New Hamburg Board of Trade identification sign.

Barbara McLeod
Director of Clerk's Services

Grant Whittington
Reviewed by CAO

Appendix A

Township of Wilmot Lease – MTO Property File L-02973



Approximate Lease Area Shown in Blue

Signature

Signature



Option A



Option B

PROOF SHEET		Proof Date: July 21, 2015	Proof Version: 9	Option: Flat view	unLOCKED	
Client: The Township of Wilmot	Colours: Multiple colours	Qty: 1	Description: Single Sided Ground Sign			Integrated Design Brand Marketing Solutions
Company: The Township of Wilmot	Size: 9'x14"	Designer: Victoria			unLOCKED Company	
					519.571.6977	
					victoria@unlockedcompany.com	



Township of Wilmot **REPORT**

REPORT NO. CL2015-36

TO: Council

PREPARED BY: Barbara McLeod, Director of Clerk's Services

DATE: December 7, 2015

SUBJECT: Appointment of Engineer
Petition for Municipal Drainage Works
From Hartmut Weiss / 1210918 Ontario Inc.
For North Part of Lots 7 & 8, Concession South of Bleams Road,
Township of Wilmot, Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Recommendation:

THAT R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited of 332 Lorne Avenue East, Stratford, be appointed as the Engineer relative to the Petition for Drainage Works from Hartmut Weiss / 1210918 Ontario Inc. for lands on the North Part of Lots 7 & 8, Concession South of Bleams Road, Township of Wilmot, Regional Municipality of Waterloo and be authorized to prepare a report under Section 8 (1) of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter D. 17.

Background:

On November 3, 2015 Council accepted a petition for Municipal Drainage works from Hartmut Weiss / 1219108 Ontario Inc. in regards to the north part of Lots 7 & 8, Concession South of Bleams Road, Township of Wilmot. As required under the Drainage Act, the Clerk's Services Department forwarded notice of Council's Resolution to the petitioners and the appropriate agencies.

Discussion:

Pursuant to the Drainage Act, Council must appoint an Engineer by resolution or by-law within sixty days of sending the notice accepting the petition, to make an examination of the area requiring drainage as described in the petition and to prepare a report on the project.

Strategic Plan Conformity:

By proceeding with the requirements of the Drainage Act, Council is supporting the infrastructure within the municipality.

Financial Considerations:

If the municipal drainage works proceed pursuant to the Drainage Act, then the property owners that are affected would be assessed in accordance with the assessment schedule that will be prepared by the Engineer as part of his report. At this time, there are no financial considerations.

Conclusion:

It is recommended that Council appoint R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited as the Engineer for the abovementioned drainage works to proceed with the preparation of a report.

Barbara McLeod
Director of Clerk's Services

Grant Whittington
Reviewed by CAO



Township of Wilmot REPORT

REPORT NO. DS 2015-40

TO: Council

PREPARED BY: Andrew Martin, Planner/EDO

DATE: December 7, 2015

SUBJECT: Billboard Sign Renewals

Recommendation:

That report DS 2015-40 be endorsed.

Background:

The Township of Wilmot currently licenses five billboards. Township of Wilmot Sign By-law 2002-25 provides that, subject to an annual review, billboard licenses may be extended from year to year. This report provides a summary and recommendation with respect to renewed licenses for each of the billboards in the Township

Discussion:

Werner Kuehlenborg

Location: Corner of Bleams Road and Trussler Road, Mannheim

Date of first issuance: November 15, 2006

Summary:

The billboard has been renewed annually since November of 2006. In 2007, Council approved a variance to the sign by-law to permit 25% of the billboard to advertise non Wilmot based businesses. This percentage was further increased to 38%, subject to conditions. All sign faces are currently filled on the billboard, with only two businesses located outside of Wilmot in compliance with the sign's conditions of approval.

Recommendation:

That the billboard permit be extended for an additional year.



Sign face as of December 1, 2015

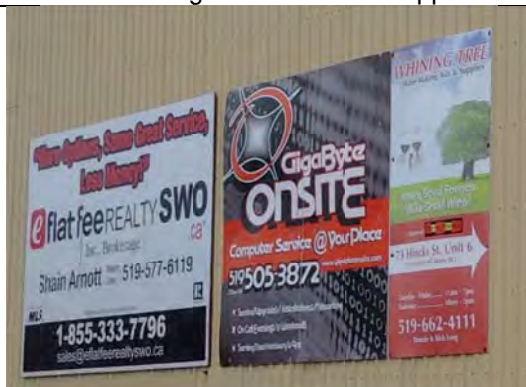
David Pauli Holdings Inc.

Location: 200 Waterloo Street, New Hamburg

Date of first issuance: November 22, 2010

Summary:

This building was first considered for licensing of a billboard in 2006. The Hillcrest sign face and sign location has changed since last year, but remains the same size as the previous sign. The billboard remains in compliance with the sign's conditions of approval.



Sign face as of December 1, 2015

Recommendation:

That the billboard permit be extended for an additional year.

ADS High Impact Advertising Inc.

Location: 374 Hamilton Road, New Hamburg

Date of first issuance: April 14, 2011

Summary:

Council approved licensing of this billboard on January 31, 2011. A billboard sign permit was subsequently issued on April 14, 2011. When the sign was initially reviewed last year, 60% of the sign was occupied with the number of Wilmot based business at 64% of the occupied sign and non-Wilmot based business increased at 36% of the occupied sign. The maximum non-Wilmot based content is set at 20%. By December 30, 2014 the sign had been brought in to compliance – the overall occupied portion was reduced to 48% with 80% being Wilmot based businesses.



Sign face as of December 1, 2015

As of December 1, 2015, the occupied portion of the sign has been increased to 64% with the number of Wilmot based business representing only 74% of the occupied sign.

Recommendation:

That ADS Advertising be given until December 31, 2015 to bring the advertising ratio into compliance with the license requirements by increasing the number and/or size of Wilmot based content or by reducing the number and/or size of non-Wilmot based content. Subject to compliance with these requirements, staff recommend that the billboard permit be extended for an additional year.

Took-A-Look Media

Location: Northwest corner of Nafziger Road and Waterloo Street

Date of first issuance: December 10, 2010

Summary:

This billboard sign was first considered for licensing in April of 2009. The approval was given such that the license is deemed to automatically renew from year to year for a period of 10 years subject to an annual review and payment of the annual license fee. Installation was completed in the spring of 2012. In February of 2013 a variance was approved to allow one side of the sign face to advertise non-Wilmot based business subject to approval by Council. Harmony Door Service Inc. was authorized to advertise on the sign. The sign faces have not changed from last year.



Sign faces as of December 1, 2015

Recommendation:

That the billboard permit be extended for an additional year.

Rudy Held's Performance Centre

Location: 417 Waterloo Street, New Hamburg

Date of first issuance: September 10, 2015

Summary:

This billboard sign was first approved in 2011. The original sign faces were removed and a new approval was granted in August of this year. The billboard faces are fastened to the top of an existing portable sign. At such time as the portable sign is removed, the billboard approval requires a new license for the billboard faces and specifies that they be in the form of a permanent sign in compliance with the Township Sign By-law.



Sign faces as of December 1, 2015

Recommendation:

That the billboard permit be extended for an additional year.

Strategic Plan Conformity:

The Township's Sign By-law requires that, except as otherwise authorized, billboards advertise businesses located within the Township of Wilmot. Billboard licensing serves to monitor advertising content to ensure it continues to promote the Township's downtowns and commercial areas in turn contributing to a prosperous economy.

Financial Considerations:

Billboard owners are required to pay a license fee to cover the costs of administering, monitoring, and enforcing the sign by-law regulations as they relate to billboards. These fees are allocated to Business Licenses under Development Services.

Conclusion:

Annual renewal of licensed billboards provides the continuing opportunity to review the condition, location, and ongoing appropriateness of the billboard advertisements. Staff recommend that all current licenses be extended for an additional year subject to any outlined conditions.

Andrew Martin, MCIPP RPP
Planner/EDO

Grant Whittington
Reviewed by CAO



Township of Wilmot **REPORT**

REPORT NO. PRD-2015-11

TO: Council

PREPARED BY: Vicky Luttenberger, Manager of Recreation & Community Services
Barbara McLeod, Director of Clerk's Services

DATE: December 7, 2015

SUBJECT: Request to Waive Rental Fees – WRC Community Centre
Community Information Gathering Event
Syrian Refugees

Recommendation:

THAT the rental fee to Allan Mills for the use of the WRC Community Centre on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, be waived.

Background:

As Council is aware, a memo dated November 17, 2015 was circulated to all members relative to a request from Mr. Allan Mills of Steinmann Mennonite Church. The request was to provide a facility at no cost to the organizers in order to host an upcoming community information gathering event where the public can come together to learn how they can help out with fundraising or by volunteering to aid Syrian Refugee Families.

Steinmann Church, along with several other groups (as noted on the attached poster) are the organizers of this broad community initiative to resettle Syrian refugees locally within the Region of Waterloo.

Discussion

Based on the consensus of Council, it was agreed that the fees should be waived in light of the sensitivity of the matter and in consideration of the time commitment to bring the refugees to Canada. Staff indicated in the memo that the actions of Council would be ratified formally at an open Council meeting. Since the memo, Mr. Mills has booked the date of December 8th at 7:00 pm at the WRC Community Centre for this event.

The Township will assist with the community initiative by communicating information of the event through digital signage, Twitter and the Township website.

Strategic Plan Conformity:

By providing the facility at no cost and advertising the event with various communication methods, the Township is encouraging the involvement of volunteers, engaging the public and communicating matters of interest to the community.

Financial Considerations:

The rental fee for the WRC Community Centre will be waived.

Conclusion:

In light of the federal government's decision to resettle Syrian refugees in Canada as well as the need to keep the public informed, staff recommend that the rental fee for the use of the WRC Community Centre on December 8, 2015 be waived.

Vicky Luttenberger
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Grant Whittington
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11/25/2015

Dear Barbara McLeod,

I am writing to request that Wilmot Council waive the fee for use of the meeting room at Wilmot Recreation Complex on December 8th for the following information session:

Wilmot Responds to Refugee Crisis Information Night at Wilmot Recreation Complex, December 8th 7PM

I am organizing an information night to showcase current projects within Wilmot to sponsor refugee families. This proposed event will be hosted by the Peace & Justice Committee of Steinmann Mennonite Church with participation from numerous groups. Several churches are expected to be present with information tables, along with Steinmann Mennonite Church, Trinity Lutheran Church as well as representatives from Foxboro & Stonecroft communities, and others. The mayor has committed to share the Township's commitments to the refugee effort and we will hear from a representative from Mennonite Central Committee and a representative from Canadian Lutheran World Relief which are both Sponsorship Agreement Holders with the Federal Government, acting as agents for local community groups.

We will hear a message from Rahma Abukhousa, a teenager whose Palestinian family was sponsored by Steinmann Church several years ago after they came to Canada as refugees.

Our goal with the evening is to celebrate various efforts currently underway in Wilmot to support refugees coming to our area (Waterloo Region) and to encourage & invite increased community involvement. Scott Cressman of the New Hamburg Independent has had a preliminary conversation with Al Mills and will provide coverage for our community information night.

Warm regards,

Allan Mills

Cc. Vicky Luttenberger



WILMOT RESPONDS TO REFUGEE CRISIS

• Information Night •

Where: Wilmot Recreation Complex
Community Room

When: December 8, 2015 at 7 pm

- Greetings from **Mayor Les Armstrong**.
- Hear a local teen share her personal experience as a refugee.
- Learn about current efforts by **Mennonite Central Committee** and **Canadian Lutheran World Relief**, as well as local groups including several Mennonite congregations, **Trinity Lutheran Church, Stonecroft, and Foxboro Green**.

Come and find out how you can help settle a refugee family in a new home.

Please invite your friends and neighbours – all are welcome!

For more information, or if your group would like to participate with an information table, please contact Al Mills.

Phone: 519.390.0078 | Email: allanmills@rogers.com

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2015 Watershed Awards

The GRCA held the 40th annual awards event on Oct. 15.

The top award — the Honour Roll award — went posthumously to **Brad Whitcombe** who passed away suddenly a year ago as a result of a rare illness. He undertook many environmental initiatives, including co-founding the Friends of Mill Creek and Wellington Green Legacy.

Six 2015 Watershed Awards were also given out. These went to **Bill Christmas** (Caledonia), founding president of the Ted Knox Chapter of Trout Unlimited Canada; **Derek Lippert** and **J.P. Bartle** of The Grand River Adventure (Ayr), who paddle the Grand River each spring to raise funds to plant trees and increase awareness about water issues; long-time GRCA board member **Barry Lee**, who represented Halton Region; **Bob Scott** (Brantford), who has had a hand in many environmental initiatives in Brantford over many years; **Waterloo Region Nature** for environmental education and monitoring, protecting wildlife and supporting wise policies that increase biodiversity; and **Dr. Hugh Whiteley** (Guelph), a retired University of Guelph hydrologist who developed the program used by the GRCA and other conservation authorities to forecast flooding. Award nominations for 2016 can be made anytime by anyone.

Information session on Snyder's Flats plan

The GRCA is holding a public information session to present the Snyder's Flats Management Plan on Monday, Nov. 9, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Community Centre, 1031 Snyder's Flats Road, Bloomingdale.

The GRCA is in the final stages of completing the draft plan for its Snyder's Flats Conservation Area. Display boards and copies of the draft plan will be available at the information meeting, and GRCA staff will be on hand to answer questions. The management plan is expected to be presented to the GRCA board on Friday, Nov. 27.

Information will also be presented regarding the GRCA's consideration of Snyder's Flats as an off-

leash dog area. In August, 2014, the GRCA began conducting research into design and operation of off-leash dog areas, in response to a request received from the public to consider designating Snyder's Flats as an off-leash dog area. The session will also include a site assessment of Snyder's Flats that, based on the evaluation criteria, will specify whether or not the property is suitable for off-leash dogs.

G.M. Mac Coutts Tract

A property near the headwaters of the Grand River is being named the G.M. Mac Coutts Tract.

Gordon Mac Coutts served as the general manager of the GRCA from the time that it formed in 1966 when two founding organizations — the Grand River Conservation Commission and the Grand Valley Conservation Authority — joined together.

Coutts retired from this post in 1992. Many partnerships and current GRCA programs got underway thanks to his leadership.

Environmental scholarships

Three scholarships were given by the Grand River Conservation Foundation to support students attending post-secondary institutions in the watershed.

The SC Johnson Environmental Scholarship of \$4,000 went to Callee Marie Rice, University of Waterloo. The Allan Holmes Scholarship of \$3,000 went to Laura Sauder, University of Waterloo and the McEwen Clean Water Prize of \$3,000 went to Joel Gretton, University of Guelph.

Scholarships are awarded by the Foundation each year.

Farmers get help to improve water quality

The successful Rural Water Quality Program (RWQP), now in its 18th year of operation provides financial assistance to qualifying landowners



to share the cost of implementing selected best management practices that improve water quality.

So far, farmers in the Grand River watershed have received over \$16 million in grants to help complete more than 5,400 projects to protect water quality on farms.

Grants range from 50 to 100 per cent of the project's cost, with the balance paid by the landowner. Eligible projects include erosion control structures, cover crops, manure storage facilities, fencing livestock from creeks, tree planting, fuel storage, well upgrades and well plugging projects. Farmers must have completed an Environmental Farm Plan on their property to be eligible for grants. Eligible projects vary by county.

The program is largely funded by most municipalities in the watershed. The total value of all the investments in clean water projects since the program began is more than \$44 million.

For more information on RWQP grants, landowners can contact 519-621-2761 or ruralwater@grandriver.ca.

Typical October weather

Dry weather continued well into October, until the remnants of Hurricane Patricia arrived at the end of the month, bringing heavy rain.

The GRCA issued a watershed conditions statement Oct. 28 due to heavy rain and high water levels, but no major flooding. A high lake level warning for the Lake Erie shoreline was also issued due to high winds that accompanied the storm.

Total monthly rainfall was close to or over the long-term average after the storm, which brought 35 mm to Shades Mills in the middle of the watershed and over 40 mm south of Brantford.

October was typical of autumn weather with several days of light rain and a few intense rainfall events. Some parts of the watershed recorded the first traces of snow.

The month was also a degree warmer than the average temperature of 7.7 C at the Shand Dam climate station, resulting in the second month in a row with above-average temperatures.

Reservoirs were within the normal operating range for this time of year. Augmentation of river flows from the reservoirs was fairly high in October. However it decreased at the



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end of the month.

Crowdfunding boost

A "Join Dan" crowdfunding initiative got underway in October and will continue until Dec.23.

This was set up by the Grand River Conservation Foundation to channel funds to help build the new Guelph Lake Nature Centre. Dan Schneider retired from his position of senior resource interpreter at Guelph Lake and is central to this fundraising campaign.

Donors will be rewarded with a number of unique gift opportunities, including T-shirts, engraved stepping stones that will be placed on a trail around the new facility, or a movie night on the Guelph Lake island.

A link to this initiative is on the GRCA website's home page.

50 Things contest

From July 4 to Sept. 8, the GRCA ran the "GRCA 50 Things" contest.

Mark Sayewich of Guelph won the grand prize of a two-night glamping retreat at the GRCA's Elora Gorge Park. Randy Whiteford of Cambridge won second prize, a Grand River Parks membership pass that provides a

year of free access to all 11 parks.

The contest highlighted opportunities to get outside and explore nature at the Grand River Parks and nature centres. It attracted 1,200 entries.

This issue of *GRCA Current* was published in November 2015.

It is a summary of the October 2015 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 distribution, photocopying and forwarding of *GRCA Current*.

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Nov. 27 at 9:30 a.m.,
GRCA Administration Centre.

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Mac Coutts with CAO Joe Farwell and the sign that names a GRCA property after Coutts.

Photo by Janet Baine



Northern property named G.M. Mac Coutts Tract

By Janet Baine

GRCA Communications Specialist

Gordon MacLeod Coutts set the course for the first 25 years of the Grand River Conservation Authority and a property in the northern part of the watershed is being named after him.

Coutts was the first employee of the GRCA and was the general manager between 1966 and 1991.

The G.M. Mac Coutts Tract is in West Luther Township and it links the Luther Marsh Wildlife Management Area with the Keldon Source Area, a critical source of groundwater that feeds the Grand River. It is close to the farm on Highway 89, just outside the watershed where Coutts grew

up. It is also close to the one-room schoolhouse where he taught after World War II when teachers were scarce. School officials in need of a teacher came calling for his mom, a former teacher — and when she turned down the job, their eyes fell on the recent high school grad, Mac Coutts, who was home at the time.

He was first hired in 1953 as a field officer for the Grand Valley Conservation Authority. By this time, he had taught in Fergus for two years and had a B.Sc. in Agriculture from the Ontario Agricultural College. He was the only GVCA employee at the time. He received direction from the board of the conservation authority, which then had 83 members. Now there are 26 representatives on the authority's board.



A younger Mac Coutts at the gabion wall along the Grand River in Bridgeport.

“That meant that a lot of my work was to visit all of these municipalities. There were so many, I couldn’t see them all within a year. I spent a lot of time explaining, especially in the north where I was from, that the whole watershed was connected. What people did on their land mattered to all the municipalities further south along the river,” he explained. The connection between north and south was still a relatively new idea at the time.

During those early years, many GRCA programs of today got underway, and Coutts set the course for these. For example, the authority was the first to plant trees on private land. Landowners would pay one cent a tree to the provincial Department of Lands and Forests, and the authority would plant the trees. This program got underway in 1954. In 1955, 2,000 acres of trees were planted by the authority on private land. Because most land in the watershed is privately owned, this broadened the opportunity and scope of tree planting, and set the course for a program that has continued through the decades.

Another major accomplishment was starting the system of conservation areas, beginning with the Elora Gorge in 1954.

A fine balance

In 1964 Coutts became the Grand Valley Authority’s director of operations and secretary-treasurer. By that time there were a dozen employees; half were park

superintendents. In 1966 when the Grand Valley Conservation Authority and the Grand River Conservation Commission amalgamated, Coutts assumed the lead role as the general manager of the new Grand River Conservation Authority. He held this position until he retired in 1991.

Coutts had the ability to balance political and administrative concerns with practical hands-on knowledge. This helped the GRCA grow into a leading conservation agency in the province.

“A touchstone in Mr. Coutts’s long career has been his concern for other people and his insistence on giving them credit,” according to the citation he received as the 1992 Honour Roll Award recipient.

During his retirement years, it has been a pleasure for Coutts to see the changes in the watershed and at the GRCA.

“I see everything is expanded and blossoming and I look at it with great pride. It seems to me the authority has really grown in the years since I left,” he said.

Did you know?

Through a quirk of history, two organizations sprung up at different times to manage the unpredictable Grand River.

1934: The Grand River Conservation Commission (GRCC) was formed.

1948: Grand Valley Conservation Authority formed.

1966: Nearly 50 years ago, in 1966, the two joined to form the Grand River Conservation Authority of today.

HONOUR ROLL AWARD

Whitcombe receives top GRCA award

By Janet Baine

GRCA communications specialist

Brad Whitcombe is the recipient of a posthumous 2015 Grand River Honour Roll Award, the highest award given out by the GRCA.

Whitcombe died suddenly of a rare disease in November 2014, leaving a long record of environmental service to the Grand River watershed. He was a long-serving politician in Puslinch Township and Wellington County. Among his many accomplishments, he was co-founder of two very successful environmental programs.

“Stewardship captures Brad’s approach to life. He believed his role was to convene all the forces and resources necessary to care for his community,” said Lise Burcher, Whitcombe’s spouse and a former City of Guelph councillor.

A lifelong resident of Puslinch Township, Whitcombe grew up on a farm on Gore Road. He was a hog farmer in his 30s when he entered local politics. He became a township councillor in 1989 because he was concerned about the agricultural challenges facing farmers at that time. He remained active in politics and served as Mayor of Puslinch Township for 15 years, until 2010. He also served as Wellington County warden for three terms — in 2000, 2005 and 2006.

Solutions to water challenges

Whitcombe sought solutions to the water challenges within Puslinch Township. He was the chair of the Mill Creek subwatershed study, which was completed in June, 1996. This identified the work that needed to be done to improve this important, but damaged creek that runs close to Highway 401 through Puslinch and enters the Grand River in Galt. A broad-based committee established the Puslinch Township

Groundwater Monitoring Program — the first of its kind in Canada. This program is still in operation, ensuring that water resources are understood and protected.

“Brad was the prime proponent of both the subwatershed studies and groundwater monitoring program, which were considered visionary and ground-breaking at the time,” said Larry Halyk, who was stewardship coordinator in the area.

In 1999, Whitcombe also chaired the committee that introduced the GRCA’s Rural Water Quality Program to Wellington

County, bringing this new program to the second municipality in the watershed — the program originated in Waterloo Region.

He co-founded the very successful Friends of Mill Creek in 1998. This multi-faceted program became a model for community engagement in other areas. He helped bring together environmentalists, business leaders, landowners and local agencies to work together to improve the creek. In other communities, this would be a nearly impossible task. But in Puslinch, people set aside their differences when they entered the meeting room. They worked together. Many improvements have been made to Mill Creek and the brown trout population has expanded, while native brook trout have regained territory within the watershed.

High school students are hired as Mill

Creek rangers every summer to undertake restoration projects along the creek. Local businesses pay for this program.

“It has been a great benefit not only to the stream, but also to the young people. For many, it is their first opportunity to get environmental experience and this likely influences their career choice,” Whitcombe

“We should be inspired by what is possible and get ready to roll up our sleeves and make it happen.”
-Brad Whitcombe

said during the 10th anniversary of the program. As president, he received a 2012 Watershed Award on behalf of Friends of Mill Creek. He was serving as president when he passed away last year.

The second major program he co-founded was Wellington Green Legacy. This started as a one-time event to plant 150,000 trees during the 150th anniversary of the founding of Wellington County in 2004. But Green Legacy has continued, and it has been recognized by the United Nations as the largest municipal tree planting program in North America. Through Green Legacy, nearly two million trees have been planted in the county over the years. Whitcombe and program manager Rob Johnston received a watershed award in 2010 on behalf of this program, which continues to expand. Now there is a proposal to turn it into a province-wide program.

“We should be inspired by what is possible and get ready to roll up our sleeves and make it happen,” Whitcombe said.



Award recipient Bill Christmas with his wife Helen who has also helped out on work days.

Award for bringing back brook trout

By Janet Baine
GRCA Communications Specialist

Bill Christmas has turned his considerable talent to rehabilitating small cold water streams so that they can become nurseries for brook trout — young ones that are way too small to be hooked on a fishing line.

This is no small task. It takes the diverse skills of tool fabricator, motivator, teacher, partnership builder, workday planner, problem solver and even red-tape-cutter. Christmas already has a wall in his Caledonia home filled with awards, many for environmental accomplishments. Now he is also receiving a 2015 Watershed Award from the Grand River Conservation Authority.

He joined Trout Unlimited Canada in 1972 and is a long-time volunteer. He founded the Ted Knott Chapter in 2005 and remains the chapter president. About 125



Brad Whitcombe stands by Mill Creek, which runs through Puslinch Township and enters the Grand River in Galt.



Bill Christmas checks the temperature of a stream as part of a monitoring program.

people between 5 and 85 work on stream rehabilitation in Mill Creek — a cold water stream in the southern Grand River that runs through Taquanyah Conservation Area near Cayuga. The group also does work on Bronte Creek in Burlington.

Strong partnerships

When Christmas sends out a workday email, people drive to the Cayuga area from Mississauga, Burlington and Waterloo. They slog through muck, confront ticks and do the job of the day, whether it is restoring the stream bank, creating dappled sunlight on the stream, or planting trees. These are tasks that require ingenuity, brute force and lots of tools and supplies, some that have been specifically designed by Christmas. Collectively the group has spent 2,700 hours working on Mill Creek.

Christmas and other group members have also built strong partnerships with organizations and individuals. For example, last year a Home Depot provided 70 unsold Christmas trees to be used to restore stream banks. A property owner stored the trees, and a volunteer with a truck delivered the trees in batches as they are required on

workdays. They were used on private properties where the landowners welcomed the trees and the work crews.

“We have been blessed with a great volunteer community in Haldimand, and this is really a great story. Regardless of their affiliations, they are passionate about the impact we have had,” Christmas said. Last year when he was ill, all the workdays he planned took place without him, thanks to other volunteers.

Christmas was on the committee that developed the Grand River Fisheries Management Plan and he has a solid understanding of all the human, biological and technical issues at play in restoring a stream.

Some thought it was going to be impossible to bring brook trout to Emerson Creek, a tiny tributary that feeds into Mill Creek, Christmas said. But Christmas and his group found ways to bring oxygen into the water, monitor the insects last summer with a student crew and ensure the conditions in the stream are ideal. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry agreed that the young fry that hatch there will have the shelter, food and temperature

to grow, and issued a permit to relocate brook trout to the stream. Last spring tiny fry were moved there, and in October the creek became home to bigger brookies. This native species needs the cleanest, coldest water of all trout species in order to survive.

The native brook trout of Lake Erie depend on small streams like Emerson Creek to lay their eggs and provide a safe haven for the young fry that hatch.

Each time there is a stumbling block, Christmas finds a way around it. Over the years, he has come up with techniques to help keep volunteers safe and minimize their effort, while maximizing the beneficial impact on the river.

Sometimes a class of students from the University of Waterloo or Centennial College come to learn rehabilitation techniques. Some students have joined the work crew to get hands-on experience. Other times parents bring their children, and Christmas knows the young people will take ownership of the small streams they have worked on.

Christmas knows there is lots of work ahead, and ensuring that young people take ownership of the stream is vitally important to the success of the project.

“This kid is going to own that stream for the rest of his life. He will always want to come back here. Just like the people who have planted trees come back to see the trees and care for the forest. Those kids are the future,” Christmas said.

“Even though there are now brook trout in Emerson Creek, the group has lots of work ahead.

This is just one step. There is still a lot more to be done to rehabilitate the stream, because Emerson Creek is one small area. There is a lot more to do to rehabilitate Mill Creek as it passes through Taquanyah,” he said.

Stories about more award recipients will be published in future issues of Grand Actions.

Did you know?

There are three chapters of Trout Unlimited Canada doing work within the Grand River Watershed.

The two others are the Speed Valley Chapter that has improved Marden Creek, a tributary of the Speed River, and the Middle Grand Chapter that has made many improvements to Whitemans Creek and its tributaries in Brant County.



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New volunteer program blossoming at GRCA

WHAT'S HAPPENING

By Janet Baine

GRCA communications specialist

The GRCA's new volunteer coordinator, Bronwen Buck, can hardly catch her breath between volunteer events that she is working on.

Buck's email box is full of heartfelt requests from prospective volunteers and a steady stream of proposed projects from GRCA staff. Buck brings volunteers and projects together, looking after the details. Judging from the response to this new program, volunteers really want to help out.

"I love nature. Since I was young, Canada's natural environments have continued to inspire and amaze me," said Stephanie Cote, who helped plant a pollinator garden at Laurel Creek

Conservation Area in October. "It feels great to get out, get my hands dirty, and do something that helps protect the natural environment, which is so important for our community's health and well-being. I had a lot of fun and learned a lot with a great group of people."

Buck works with individuals such as Cote, but also with groups and companies.

The Gee family donated a memorial bench that was placed along the trail at FWR Dickson Wilderness Area, south of Cambridge, an area their parents had enjoyed. They then contacted Buck, who set up a trail maintenance day. They shared memories as they worked on the trail.

A couple of companies, including the Co-operators, have helped prepare the newly landscaped area at Guelph Lake Park that will surround the nature centre slated for construction when sufficient funds have been raised. They planted 36 species of flowers and grass, mulched, watered and

broadcast wildflower seed.

Community support

The GRCA's new volunteer program builds upon strong foundation of community involvement. "This program will increase opportunities for volunteers to help nature in a meaningful way," Buck explains. "I'm working with park superintendents, Nature Centre staff and our natural heritage team to define where assistance is most needed. We will be offering a series of volunteer events focusing on tree and wildflower planting, trail work and restoration efforts." The site of Guelph Lake's new nature centre will also give rise to a number of opportunities in the near future.

Buck has also been connecting with community organizations, such as local chapters of Trout Unlimited Canada, to help facilitate their restoration work.

GRCA volunteer event opportunities that are open to the public and are listed on www.grandriver.ca/events.

If you are interested in learning more about the GRCA volunteer program, check www.grandriver.ca/volunteer, or email volunteer@grandriver.ca.

GRCA gratefully acknowledges the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation in assisting with this project.



Photo by Bronwen Buck

Volunteers including Stephanie Cote prepared a pollinator garden at Laurel Creek in Waterloo in October. Volunteer opportunities such as this one are increasing at the GRCA.

Join Dan the Nature Man and help raise funds for a new GLNC

By Cam Linwood

Grand River Conservation Foundation

Dan Schneider (affectionately known as 'Dan, Dan The Nature Man') has been a familiar face at the Guelph Lake Nature Centre for more than 30 years, helping young and old develop an appreciation for our natural world.

"We would pull up along the wooden fence in front of the centre and there would be Dan, waving and smiling at us, as if we were being welcomed home. The days with Dan were the best part of school for me," said Rachel Greene, a former Guelph Lake Nature Centre student.

Guelph Lake Nature Centre holds a special place in the hearts of many children and adults. Visiting students readily recall their hike to the hugging tree, sitting silently with the chickadees, or wading in the river looking for critters. A day at Guelph Lake has always been something special.

This past spring, Schneider made a tough decision, setting sight on his next adventure — retirement. But there was a catch — he wanted to leave the nature centre just a little better than he found it.

GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

The current Guelph nature centre has been around as long as Schneider has, and has seen more than 600,000 students during that time. A former bungalow, it is ready for its retirement party and it's time to give it a proper send-off.

Your support in this campaign will help create a dedicated natural learning space at the new Guelph Lake Nature Centre Complex, where students and visitors can learn and explore an area that is very special to Schneider.

New complex

After more than 30 years of operation, it's time to look ahead to support coming generations of outdoor learners. The GRCA and the Grand River Conservation Foundation are raising funds for a brand new Guelph Lake Nature Centre.

When all is said and done, the new Guelph

Lake Nature Centre will be an 8,000 square foot space. It will be purpose-built with one primary focus — to closely connect people to nature. One-third of the \$3-million goal has been raised. Construction is expected to begin in June 2016, once 75 per cent of the funds have been raised.

In any significant project, many hands make light work. Creating a new Guelph Lake Nature Centre Complex is no different. A donation to the Join Dan campaign provides you with access to some incredibly unique, one-of-a-kind perks. How cool would it be to bring your ENTIRE school out for a movie night on the island at Guelph Lake?

If helping financially isn't an option for you, we'd really appreciate you taking the time to share this project with your friends, family and neighbours. Each person you tell about the new Guelph Lake Nature Centre Complex gets us one step closer to creating a new, and very special place on the shores of Guelph Lake.

How to help

You can get involved in the 'Join Dan' crowdfunding initiative until Dec. 23 through a new Indiegogo campaign set up by the Grand River Conservation Foundation that will channel funds to this new learning space.

"The park itself has no government support," said Sara Wilbur, executive director of the Foundation. "It is run like a business. That's always been a challenge for us, because people think of GRCA as a government organization."

Donors to this campaign will be rewarded with unique gift opportunities including T-shirts, engraved stepping stones that will be placed on a trail around the new facility, or your own private movie night on the Guelph Lake island.

To donate to the 'Join Dan' campaign or learn more, visit the "Join Dan The Nature Man" crowdfunding site. There is a direct link to this campaign on www.grandriver.ca.



Students assist with a project for the new Guelph Lake Nature Centre. There has been lots of community involvement in helping to prepare the landscaping around the centre.

Nolan Melchin outdoor classroom at Laurel Creek Nature Centre

On Oct. 3, the Nolan Melchin Memorial Outdoor Classroom officially opened.

This special project celebrates the life of Nolan Melchin, who passed away at a tender age in 2013 following a courageous battle with a paediatric brain tumour.

Nolan's family and friends, led by his parents, Melanie Shaw and Todd Melchin, raised \$30,000 to construct the outdoor classroom at Laurel Creek Nature Centre in Waterloo.

It was designed to honour Nolan's love of nature and includes several special features:

- a research area, with child-size discovery tables and shade trees
- a meeting place for children and instructors that has amphitheatre-style seating, an instructional stage and large trees for natural shade
- a chickadee feeding station, always a great way to experience nature

was a place we often hiked and biked through as a family and he had visited a number of times on class trips — he absolutely loved it! This place holds a special place in my heart for the simple fact that whenever he was here, he was smiling."

Laurel Creek Nature Centre provides outdoor education programs to students from both school boards in Waterloo Region. In addition, it is home to the Laurel Creek Nature Centre Adventure Day Camp, a summer camp for children ages six to 16. "This outdoor classroom was designed to honour Nolan's love of nature," says Tracey Ryan, manager of environmental education for the GRCA. "Thanks to the generous donations of Nolan's family, friends and the larger community, this space will enhance the outdoor learning experience for the thousands of kids who visit Laurel Creek Nature Centre each year."

Honour Nolan's memory

"My little hero was an amazing six-year-old boy who loved nature, camping, bug collecting, fishing and sports," said Melanie Shaw, Nolan's mom. "He was vibrant and full of life, and when he passed away after many months of treatments, it was devastating for us. We wanted to find an appropriate way to honour Nolan's memory. The Nature Centre

TAKING ACTION

Dam safety award

In October the Canadian Dam Association recognized the Grand River Conservation Authority with a corporate award for work in the area of dam safety.

"This is an award related to advancing dam safety and it means a lot to be recognized by your peers within the Canadian dam safety community," said Joe Farwell, the GRCA's CAO.

The award itself says that it "recognizes valued contributions, commitment and support of advancement of knowledge and safe management of dams." The GRCA has been improving its dam safety program over many years to bring it to the rigorous program that it is today.

The GRCA operates 27 dams. Seven of these are actively used to manage river flows within the watershed and are classified as multi-purpose dams. These dams serve two key functions — controlling floods and supplying water to the river when there is not much rainfall. Other benefits include hydro production and recreation in the



Three environmental scholarships in 2015

Three scholarships were given by the Grand River Conservation Foundation to support students attending post-secondary institutions in the watershed. Top: The SC Johnson Environmental Scholarship of \$4,000 was presented to Callee Marie Rice, University of Waterloo by Robin-Lee Norris. Middle: The Allan Holmes Scholarship of \$3,000 was presented to Laura Sauder, University of Waterloo by Shirley Ann Holmes, and the McEwen Clean Water Prize of \$3,000 was presented to Joel Gretton, University of Guelph, by Norris. Scholarships are awarded by the Foundation each year.



Nolan Melchin was an active boy who loved nature and passed away in 2013.



reservoirs that are created by the dam system.

The GRCA's other 20 dams are generally run-of-the-river dams or earthen embankment dams with small head ponds.

Although the smaller dams are not used to manage flows in the watershed, they are a legacy to the early days of settlement and important community features. There are many other dams within the watershed that are not owned by the GRCA.

Warning markers

It is the responsibility of dam owners to take safety measures around dams and weirs, and the GRCA installs warning markers and buoys upstream of dams where the rivers are navigable. These are in place between May

and October at GRCA dams.

Each year the province provides \$5 million in funding for dam repairs to the 36 conservation authorities, through the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Program. This program is vitally important to dam and dike safety and these funds are matched by local conservation authorities.

Naomi Moore, water resources project coordinator at the GRCA, is a member of the Canadian Dam Association's public safety around dams and emergency management committees. This group works to improve public safety at dams.

A dam safety booklet created by the GRCA for students has been reprinted several times. This booklet can also be downloaded from www.grandriver.ca.



CAO Joe Farwell with the 2015 award for the GRCA from the Canadian Dam Association.

THE GRAND CALENDAR

Caring for your horse and farm workshop, Dec. 5

A free environmental stewardship workshop for horse farm owners. Learn to manage horse manure, improve pasture quality and protect natural features on your property such as ponds, wetlands and streams. Mel Lloyd Centre Auditorium, Shelburne 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free with registration sstephens@nvca.on.ca or 705-424-1479, ext. 239.

Winter Adventure Days at Guelph Lake and Laurel Creek, Dec. 21 to 31

Registration is open for Winter Adventure Days Guelph Lake and Laurel Creek nature centres starting Dec. 21. Kids 6 to 12 can come for any or all days. Daily outdoor activities allow them to explore the fields and forests that surround the nature centres. The goal is to introduce children to a lifetime of appreciation for the natural world that sustains us all. For details and to register online check www.grandriver.eventbrite.ca.

Guelph organic conference

Celebrating its 35th year, the 2016 event includes international speakers, seminars and introductory workshops on key topics. There is a free Organic Expo/Tasting Fair with exhibitor tables and food samples. For more information visit

www.guelphorganicconf.ca or call 519-824-4120, ext. 56311.

Heritage Day Workshop, Cambridge, Feb. 12

Mark your calendar to attend the 19th annual Heritage Day Workshop taking place in Cambridge. The theme for 2015 is Roots and Shoots and will focus on settlement of Block One, Dumfries Township, to mark the bicentennial of the settlement of this area. It was purchased by William Dickson in 1816, and he named it after his hometown of Dumfries in Scotland. The event is sponsored by the Heritage Working Group of The Grand Strategy. It is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. The workshop takes place at Forward Church, 455 Myers Rd., Cambridge. Complete the registration form posted online at www.grandriver.ca/HeritageDay/HeritageDay.cfm.

Order trees from the GRCA anytime 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 www.grandriver.ca/trees, email trees@grandriver.ca or call 519-621-2763.

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helping us by donating to plant a tree or to develop
one metre of nature trail. See reverse.



A close-up photograph of a chickadee perched on a person's hand. The bird has a black cap, a white face with a black 'mustache' stripe, and a greyish-brown back. The background is a soft-focus green.

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- Call 1-877-29-GRAND
- Email the GRCF at dhartley@grandriver.ca

Place orders by December 11, 2015. Charitable receipts will be issued for donations.

The Grand River Conservation Foundation

supports priority programs of the Grand River Conservation Authority. These programs enrich the natural values of the Grand River watershed and encourage people to enjoy, and learn from, the outdoors.



www.GRCF.ca

December 3, 2015

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Township of Wilmot Council
60 Snyder's Road West
Baden, Ontario

re: Request for permission to hold New Dundee Santa Claus Parade

Dear Councillors,

I am seeking your permission to hold a Santa Claus parade in New Dundee on December 20, 2015 from 11:30am until 1:00pm. We expect the actual parade to run from approx 12:00 until 12:30, with 1/2 hour or so for setup and removal.

Our planned route is:

- Starting at the New Dundee Business center (formerly Rona) west along Bridge.
- North on Main Street.
- South on Front Street (past the Emporium).
- East along Bridge Street back to the start.

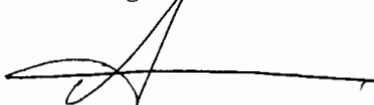
This is the same route used by the Victoria Day parade each year, and keeps the parade away from Queen Street and the busy 5 way intersection in New Dundee.

I will be coordinating with the Region separately to address the use of Bridge Street. I am also coordinating with Wilmot Township staff for normal permits, approvals, and insurance requirements.

In addition, I would welcome the Mayor and all Wilmot Councillors to participate in the parade.

I appreciate your consideration under such a short timeframe.

Regards,



Glenn Cooke
1367 Sandhills Road
New Hamburg, Ontario
N3A 3B1
519.696.2327
glenn@glenn.ca

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT
BY-LAW NO. 2015-66**

**BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN
AGREEMENT AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH
IN SCHEDULE "A" ATTACHED**

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wilmot is desirous of entering into an Agreement, a copy of which is attached as Schedule "A" to this By-law.

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

1. That the Agreement attached as Schedule "A" to this By-law be hereby accepted as approved.

2. That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute under seal the said Agreement and all other documents and papers relating to this transaction.

READ a first, second and third time this 7th day of December, 2015.

READ a third time and finally passed in Open Council this 7th day of December, 2015.

Mayor

Clerk

Term Lease for Land

File No. L-02973

THIS LEASE, made in duplicate the 25th day of November, 2015

IN PURSUANCE OF THE SHORT FORMS OF LEASES ACT:

BETWEEN: **THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**
herein represented by the REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Hereinafter called the LESSOR

- and -

The Corporation of the Township of Wilmot

60 Snyder's Road West

Baden, Ontario

N3A 1A1

Canada

Hereinafter called the LESSEE

WITNESSETH that in consideration of the rents, covenants and agreements hereinafter reserved and contained on the part of the Lessee, the Lessor doth hereby demise and lease unto the Lessee, his executors, administrators, successors and assigns the land situate, lying and being in: Part of Lot 23, SBR, part of Village Lot 1, New Hamburg, and Part of Old Haysville Road, in the Township of Wilmot, Regional Municipality of Waterloo, in the Province of Ontario, **SHOWN** in blue on the attached aerial photograph/sketch. **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the land for and during the term of Five (5) years to be computed from the 1st day of January, 2016 and thence next ensuing to be completed and ended on the 31st day of December, 2020.

YIELDING AND PAYING therefore unto the Lessor, his successors and assigns during the said term, the sum of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) plus HST of TWENTY SIX DOLLARS (\$26.00) on the execution of this lease; and the sum of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) plus HST of TWENTY SIX DOLLARS (\$26.00) on the 1st day of January of each succeeding year thereafter during the term, the last payment to be made on the 1st day of January, 2020.

Payment to be made by money order or certified cheque made payable to the **MINISTER OF FINANCE** and addressed to the Ministry of Transportation, Property Section, 659 Exeter Road, London, Ontario, N6E 1L3.

THE LESSEE COVENANTS with the Lessor as follows:

1. To pay rent;
2. To use the land solely for the purpose of the location of a "Town of New Hamburg" identification sign;
3. To maintain the land in a proper manner;
4. Not to do or permit anything to be done in, upon or about the land which would in any way conflict with the laws, rules and regulations relating to fire, with the by-laws, rules and ordinances of the Board of Health, or with any statute or municipal by-law;
5. Not to use the land or permit the land to be used for the purpose of displaying advertising signs or advertising material of any kind whatsoever;
6. To design and install the sign in a manner that is consistent with section 5.16 of the Ontario Traffic Manual, Book 8 (Decorative Municipal Displays) and the Lessor's policies as they relate to decorative municipal displays.
7. To maintain in good condition the boulevards and other sodded areas and carefully tend, preserve and protect the shade trees, shrubbery, hedges and other trees or plants which may from time to time be in, upon or about the land;
8. To keep down weeds and noxious grasses;
9. To keep up fences;
10. To keep open any existing drainage ditch or culvert;
11. To access the lands via Old Haysville Road. No access will be permitted to the land from Highway 7/8 or from Peel Street.
12. To apply for and obtain from the Lessor a sign permit issued under section 38(2) of the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act for the new identification sign in advance of installation of the new identification sign.
13. To remove the existing identification sign located on Lots 42-45, Plan 1048 (PIN 221940242) in advance of installation of the new identification sign.

THE LESSOR AND THE LESSEE MUTUALLY AGREE as follows:

1. The Lessee agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Lessor and those for whom they in law are responsible, from all damages, costs, claims, actions, liabilities or injuries howsoever caused to the Lessor or for any personal injuries or death to any person on the Lessor leased lands, resulting in any manner from the exercise by the Lessee or for whom it is in law responsible by its lease of the lands;
2. The Lessee acknowledges and agrees that it does not have any right to assign or sublet this lease;
3. The Lessor shall pay the real estate taxes, local improvement rates and charges and the Lessee shall pay the business taxes, licence fees and taxes in respect of all property owned or brought on the lands by or for a purpose of the Lessee or any sub-tenant of the Lessee;
4. The Lessor, his servants, agents and contractors may at any time enter upon and use the land for the purpose of inspection, maintenance, alteration and construction of all works which the Lessor is entitled to construct upon the land or upon adjacent land, highways, roads or road allowances under the provisions of the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act, or of any relevant statute, regulation or municipal by-law, and the Lessor may terminate the tenancy by giving the Lessee at least six months' notice of termination. Should the lease be terminated, either by notice or at the expiration of this lease, without being renewed, the Lessee acknowledges and agrees that it shall not be compensated for the loss of use of the new identification sign, nor for the removal of said sign.
5. Strangers who are prospective purchasers or tenants of the lands may enter and inspect the lands at all reasonable hours on every day except Sunday,
 - (a) on the production of a written order for inspection signed by or on the behalf of the Lessor; or
 - (b) when accompanied by a servant, employee or agent of the Lessor;

6. The Lessor, his servants, agents and contractors may enter at any time and place, affix and maintain upon the lands and premises a sign or signs advising that the lands are for sale, and during the last month of tenancy that the lands are for rent;
- (1) All notices under this Lease shall be in writing;
 - (2) Any notice under this Lease may be served personally;
 - (3) Any notice to the Lessee shall be sufficiently served if mailed by pre-paid registered post addressed to the Lessee at the last known address of the Lessee in Canada, and any notice so mailed shall be held conclusively to have been given seventy-two hours after such mailing;
 - (4) Any notice to the Lessor shall be sufficiently served if mailed by pre-paid registered post addressed to the Ministry of Transportation, Property Section, 659 Exeter Road, London, Ontario, N6E 1L3.

PROVISO for re-entry by the Lessor on non-payment of rent or non-performance of covenants.

SIGNED AND DELIVERED

In the Presence of:

Witness

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION,
for the Province of Ontario, represented
by the REGIONAL DIRECTOR

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

In the Presence of:

Witness to Lessee's Signature

Name:

Title:

I have authority to bind the Corporation

Dated

Clerk:

Dated

Township of Wilmot Lease – MTO Property File L-02973



Approximate Lease Area Shown in Blue

Signature

Signature