





Oxford Community Foundation has granted over \$2 million to 115 charities in Oxford County. They work to keep money in Oxford for Oxford and bring new dollars into Oxford through partnerships with Canada 150, RBC Future Launch Community Challenge, Maple Leaf Community Fund, Canada Summer Games Fund, Emergency Community Support Fund, Healthy Communities Fun, Community Services Fund. Ms. Wardrop commented on several local grants provided by OCF, as follows:

- Foldens Park – funding for shade pavilion and playground equipment;
- Beachville Park – funding for basketball posts and nets; and
- Oxford County Trails – funding for preserving nature, enhancing the trail network, among many others.

OCF is the only Community Foundation that serves all of Oxford County, granting to all aspects of the community. OCF makes charitable giving easy, providing the opportunity to establish funds targeting donors' areas of interest. OCF invests and grants funds wisely. The need is always greater than the funds available.

Mayor Mayberry thanked Louise for her presentation.

6:50 p.m. – Scott Paton and Barb Freeman, Mount Elgin Cemetery 2024 Grant Presentation

Scott Paton and Barb Freeman, on behalf of the Mount Elgin Cemetery, presented their 2024 grant request to Council. The Committee is seeking \$7,000 in 2024 to be used towards grass cutting and insurance costs. She provided Council with a review of the expenses, plots sold and burials completed to date in 2023.

It was noted that the cemetery has incurred some additional expenses in relation to a large tree that fell in the cemetery. The cost to remove and clean up the tree in total is in excess of \$10,000. This additional work required is going to strain the funds available for the cemetery.

Works Superintendent Adam Prouse advised that he will reach out to another contractor used by the Township for another quote to remove the tree and debris.

**Staff Reports**

BD 08-2023: August 2023 Building Report

Chief Building Official Howard Leaver provided Council with a report to provided them with the status of the activities in the building department as of the end of August, 2023.





speed signs along Airport Road from 243460 Airport Road to 243353 Airport Road. He advised that there are no posted speed limits on Airport Road currently.

Works Superintendent Adam Prouse advised Council that a traffic study was completed on Airport Road earlier this year. It is a low volume road and the traffic study did not show excessive speeding. The average speed of motorists was around 70 km/hr. TAC guidelines recommend a posted speed limit of 80km/hr. He also advised that speed signs are not required and not usually posted if there is no change of the maximum speed limit along the same road network. He advised that their traffic will be sent to the OPP for their review and that a “hidden driveway’ sign may be posted.

7:19 p.m. - Joanna Piatkowski and Amy Maddess, Ingamo Homes re: Violence Against Women in Oxford

Joanna Piatkowski and Amy Maddess, on behalf of Ingamo Homes, addressed Council regarding the work Ingamo Homes does locally to prevent intimate partner violence. She commented on system level barriers that exist within Oxford when it comes to access to services in the County including limited availability of services, gaps in system design and funding, lack housing/shelter, justice system and lack of collaboration between services and provider education and training. With respect to individuals experiencing intimate partner violence in rural areas, the following was noted:

- Women experience intimate partner violence in rural areas at a 75% higher rate than women in urban areas. Knowledge of available services and supports, beliefs and attitudes vary across areas – there are often more intense power imbalance between genders in rural communities.
- Women who do access services locally in rural communities lack anonymity that comes from living in smaller communities and in isolation.
- In rural communities the distance from homes to services and support is three times higher than those in urban areas. Sometimes these resources are more than 80km away and many do not have access to a family vehicle or method of transportation. Survivors cannot receive the services they need within their own community.
- Many individuals may not have a neighbour nearby and more isolated with their partner than those living within urban areas.
- The number of crises calls received continue to rise each year with no local increases to staffing and funding. Waitlists are continuing to grow.
- Women are staying in shelter for longer due to the ongoing housing crisis.
- Women are forced to choose between homelessness or violence. Women are force to leave their community for support.







AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize an exemption to Section 3.3 of the Township's Noise By-law No. 49-2021 for an engagement party to be held on Saturday, October 7th, 2023 at 92 Graydon Drive, Mount Elgin from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.;

AND FURTHER THAT Council provide direction to staff to notify any residents that provided comments in relation to this request, enforcement staff and the OPP of the event to be held on Saturday, October 7th, 2023 of the noise by-law exemption granted by Council.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

7:50 p.m. - Development Planner Spencer McDonald - Request for Modification to Draft Approved Plan of Subdivision SB21-11-4 – Mt. Elgin Developments (Phase 6)

Development Planner Spencer McDonald explained that the purpose of this report is to advise Council of a request received to modify an approved draft plan of subdivision to adequately address stormwater management demands to service the development. The draft plan was originally approved at the September 28, 2022 County Council Meeting and consists of 166 lots for single-detached dwellings, 7 blocks for 69 street-fronting townhouse dwellings, 1 open space block, 2 blocks for lot additions, 1 park block, 3 blocks for pedestrian walkways, a block for a railway berm, and 2 blocks to be dedicated to the Township, served by 6 new local streets. At the time of approval, a stormwater management block was shown in the northwest corner of the development, identified as Block 170 on the draft plan. Upon preparation of the detailed engineering design for the proposed subdivision plan, it became apparent that additional lands for storm water management purposes are required and the owner is requesting a modification to the draft plan which will have the effect of removing six (6) lots for single detached dwellings to accommodate an additional stormwater management block. This proposed modification will provide adequate stormwater management infrastructure for the site, which is a condition of draft approval for the plan of subdivision.

Planning staff are recommending support of the modification to provide an additional block for a stormwater management facility to the plan, which will have the result of removing six (6) lots for single-detached dwellings from the draft approved plan.

Discussion took place regarding any potential impact to the proposed parkland to the north of the development and proposed stormwater

















