



Township of Wellesley

Community Information Forum Summary of Comments

I. Individual Responses

Serving the Residents of the Township of Wellesley

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What can we do as a community to enhance the experience of this group?

	Wellesley	St. Clements	Linwood	Hawkesville
<i>a. Children (4-10)</i>	1.76	2	3	2.25
<i>b. Youth (11-16)</i>	2.95	2.34	3	2.42
<i>c. Young adults (17-21)</i>	3.25	2.5	3	2.5
<i>d. Young families</i>	1.2	2.34	3	2.17
<i>e. Adults (22-60)</i>	2.7	3	4	2.2
<i>f. Seniors (61-)</i>	2.85	3.5	4	2.2

*Average based on comments received.

II. Group Discussion

A. *I think a member of a community should be active in the following ways:*

Wellesley	St. Clements	Linwood	Hawkesville
23 responses	3 responses	1 response	10 responses

B. *What is the most important change that you think will make St. Clements a better place?*

Wellesley	St. Clements	Linwood	Hawkesville
28 responses	6 responses	1 response	10 responses

C. *What would you be willing to do to make St. Clements a better place?*

Wellesley	St. Clements	Linwood	Hawkesville
15 responses	4 responses	0 responses	7 responses

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a. Children (4-10) = 1.76

15 comments

Generally, respondents emphasized the importance of keeping children physically active. The most frequently mentioned change respondents would like to see is more WDPS children walking to school (4). Interestingly, making better use of the pond for organized skating was a suggestion made by older respondents (2). Other suggested improvements included summer day camps (2), expanded arena facilities (1), and upgrading Albert Erb Park (1), and biking trails for families with young children (1). Offering non-sports activities was also mentioned (1). Two comments pointed out the benefits provided by the accessible playground and splash park.

b. Youth (11-16) = 2.95

14 comments

The two most common suggestions for serving the needs of this group were improving the skate park (3) and creating opportunities for socializing like drop-ins and dances (3). Two respondents emphasized the need for more non-sports activities and two thought community involvement among the youth should be encouraged (2). Improvements to the tennis court (1), creating a multi-use pad (1) and providing links to GRT (1) were also mentioned.

c. Young adults (17-21) = 3.25

9 comments

The perspectives on the needs of this group were interesting. Several respondents (3) pointed out that youth of this age often find their own recreation outside of the village; e.g., school friends part-time jobs. Comments that identified enhancements to village features suggested more sports (2), more music/non-sport activities (1), more social interaction opportunities (1), a multi-use pad (1), creating part-time jobs and more opportunities for community involvement (1).

d. Young families = 1.2

13 comments

The most important community enhancement noted by this group was more social events that bring community members together (4). Two people requested more trails. The rest of the suggestions were mentioned once apiece: more green space, more fresh produce market days, improvements to the arena, and improvement to the skate park. Two things were appreciated as benefits to the community: the food cupboard and the mothers’ drop-in





e. Adults (22-60) = 2.7

20 comments

This category received the most comments. More trails were thought to be the most important community enhancement in six comments. Increased number of opportunities to socialize was mentioned three times. Seminars or information sessions like gardening tips or special interest lectures were mentioned twice. The rest of the comments identified non-sports activities, music/art activities, more market days, community garden plots, fitness classes, variety of food venues; each was mentioned once. Better communication of community events and cheaper user rates for Township facilities were also mentioned.

f. Seniors (61-) = 2.85

15 comments

The item of most concern was the provision of housing for seniors (5). More trails were also requested (4). Social opportunities such as seminars and pickle were ball requested (3). Finally, more and better sidewalks and links to the GRT were requested.

II. Group Discussion

A. *I think a member of a community should be active in the following ways:*

23 responses

1. Volunteer for community events with service clubs and churches (9)
2. Support local businesses (6)
3. Support community events (4)
4. Create a database of volunteers, join sports teams, participate in community planning, vote (1 apiece)

B. *What is the most important change that you think will make Wellesley a better place?*

28 responses

1. Create more trails (8)
2. Clean up the pond/Provide more sidewalks (3 apiece)
3. Organize new events/improve street lighting (2 apiece)
4. Obtain more green space (2)
5. Get new people involved/ encourage ecological responsibility/provide better community information/build a swimming pool/provide more social events/encourage community engagement/provide more seniors' housing/improve the arena/coordinate efforts between the Township and community organizations

C. *What would you be willing to do to make Wellesley a better place?*

Most respondents indicated they either already volunteer or will volunteer when they have more time; i.e., when the children get older.





III. Township Comment Sheets

14 comments

1. The Village needs more trails. (4)
2. Appreciation of the opening of the food truck (3)
3. More job opportunities should be created in the village. (2)
4. Erect a four-way stop at Queen's Bush and Nafziger/improve the pond/support Art Around the Pond/offer better communication about village activities/provide more seniors' housing

IV. Charts and Graphs

The following chart identifies the degree to which the needs of the demographic groups are being met in the village. The higher the bar the more needs are being satisfied.

V. Conclusion

The needs of families and young children are being adequately met. Facilities like the splash park and accessible playground are appreciated.

Adults between 22 – 60 fall in the middle in terms of being satisfied with what the village offers, although more social activities would be appreciated. The members of this group indicated a desire for variety of enhancements: education, music, gardening, variety in food venues, fitness classes, etc.

Seniors want to have access to affordable rental housing in the village, more walking trails and better sidewalks. They would like to stay in the community, but at the moment they feel their needs are not being adequately met.

The group whose needs are least well-served in the village of Wellesley is youth between 17 – 21. There are few recreation and social opportunities for them and the need for opportunities to socialize within the village is apparent.

VI. Next Steps

There are a lot of good suggestions and creative ideas floating around the village of Wellesley. The question that needs to be answered is how do we bring people together to turn those ideas into concrete projects and programs. Fortunately, we do have some organizations that are designed to enhance the community: the Board of Trade, Wellesley and District Lions Club, the Apple Butter and Cheese Committee, The Wellesley Youth Advisory Committee, and the Wellesley Recreation Services Board. These organizations are already doing good work, but their efforts are being hampered by a lack of participation and volunteerism. Would it make sense to organize a data-base of volunteers that organizations can draw from? What measures can we take to communicate with the residents of the village? What can we do to increase cooperation among groups? What should the Township's role be in creating community enhancement?

If you are interested in continuing the discussion, contact pvandermaas@wellesley.ca. If you want to do something right now, volunteer for a service group or church project.





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What can we do as a community to enhance the experience of this group?

a. Children (4-10) = 2

1 comment

We have more playground equipment, thank you to the Lions Club.

b. Youth (11-16) = 2.34

1 comment

Request to provide a youth group in the summer.

c. Young adults (17-21) = 2.5

0 comments

d. Young families = 2.34

1 comment

Events like the Tree of Lights, Santa Clause Parade and Easter Egg Hunt bring the community together.

e. Adults (22-60) = 3

2 comments

Exercise programs and activities in the morning and evenings and extended library hours in the evening were requested.

f. Seniors (61-) = 3.5

5 comments

Retirement living facilities and providing meals to senior citizens in St. Clements were both listed twice. Activities to keep seniors involved and active was also listed in the responses.

II. Group Discussion

A. I think a member of a community should be active in the following ways:

3 responses

1. Participate with the existing groups
2. Join the Lions Club





B. *What is the most important change that you think will make St. Clements a better place?*

6 responses

1. Having a grocery store
2. Traffic light - they will make the town more safe
3. Senior housing
4. Water and sewers
5. Advertise the community activities better

C. *What would you be willing to do to make St. Clements a better place?*

4 responses

1. Volunteer
2. Shop locally

III. Township Comment Sheets

2 comments

1. Garbage pick-up concerns (Garbage pick-up is organized through the Region)
2. Thank you for the hard work and dedication to the community. St. Clements is a wonderful place to live and work

IV. Conclusion

Senior housing facilities were commented on in several areas of the questionnaire with programs and activities being the second most frequent topic.

V. Next Steps





I. Individual Responses

Serving the Residents of Linwood

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What can we do as a community to enhance the experience of this group?

a. Children (4-10) =3

0 comments

b. Youth (11-16) = 3

0 comments

c. Young adults (17-21) = 3

0 comments

d. Young families = 3

0 comments

e. Adults (22-60) = 4

1 comment

Request for exercise classes

f. Seniors (61-) = 4

0 comments

II. Group Discussion

A. I think a member of a community should be active in the following ways:

1 response

1. Participate in making decisions concerning the future of the community

B. What is the most important change that you think will make Linwood a better place?

1 response

1. Keep the village the way it is - small

C. What would you be willing to do to make Linwood a better place?

0 responses





III. Township Comment Sheets

1 comment

1. Develop more lots

IV. Conclusion

Programs and activities would be appreciated.

V. Next Steps





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Serving the Residents of Hawkesville

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What can we do as a community to enhance the experience of this group?

a. Children (4-10) = 2.25

6 comments

A request to improve the playground (4), skate park and ball diamonds were also commented on. Signs indicating that ‘children play here’ were suggested.

b. Youth (11-16) = 2.42

6 comments

Increase the amount of trees and trails (2), build a baseball diamond and create a youth drop in program at the community centre.

c. Young adults (17-21) = 2.5

2 comments

Not much residence in that age range.

d. Young families = 2.17

4 comments

Host more public events, provide washroom facilities and shaded area.

e. Adults (22-60) = 2.2

4 comments

Improve walking trails (2) and build a picnic shelter.

f. Seniors (61-) = 2.2

3 comments

Hold senior activities at the community centre, host game nights and fund Kiwanis transit to provide transportation for seniors to maintain independent lifestyle.





II. Group Discussion

A. *I think a member of a community should be active in the following ways:*

10 responses

1. Help where possible
2. Participate in community events

B. *What is the most important change that you think will make Hawkesville a better place?*

10 responses

1. Keep strong representative on council
2. Provide an outdoor picnic shelter
3. Shelter at ice pad to put skates on
4. Slow down industrial expansions
5. Improve safety for children
6. Improve park

C. *What would you be willing to do to make Hawkesville a better place?*

7 responses

1. Continue to participate in community events
2. Being proactive on traffic speeds (informing police)
3. Contribute financially to the park

III. Township Comment Sheets

4 comments

1. improve park, more trees, bigger play structure and more swings
2. impressed with the prompt snow removal
3. concerns with industrial expansion, would like to see if stopped as the traffic and noise is becoming an issue
4. street lighting on Geddes street needs to be improved

IV. Conclusion

Increase the amount of green space for residents to enjoy and limit the industrial expansion.

V. Next Steps

