

Monday April 1, 2019

Message from the Mayor

Re: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Funding Announcement

As Mayor of Wellesley Township, I believe that it would be irresponsible and misleading of me to suggest that the monies we have received (\$676,040) through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, could be used for anything other than what has been prescribed by the Province. When the Ministry suggests that these funds are “unconditional”, THERE ARE EXPECTATIONS. As stated in the announcement, these funds are intended to help modernize service delivery and reduce future costs through investments in projects such as: “service delivery reviews, development of shared services agreements, and capital investments”. It has been made quite clear that these funds should not be used for infrastructure projects like road maintenance or recreational enhancements. There are other funding streams that can be applied for in those regards.

Your Council will be tasked with approving how this money is spent. Some suggestions that I have been made aware of are improved connectivity to all Township facilities including firehalls and community centers, completion of our asset management plan so that we are able to continue to apply for funding when announced or an improved communication plan, an issue that I heard a lot about during the election.

I have followed, with interest, some suggestions posted on social media. In response to some suggestions, Boomer Line will be paved this year from Herrgott to Moser-Young as part of our Roads Capital Program. The Region has agreed to do a further review of the intersection at Herrgott and Lobsinger Line considering the additional heavy-truck traffic generated by the new Chervin plant. This is strictly a Regional responsibility. With regards to recreational enhancements, I would suggest you contact your Community Center Board Chairs with your wishes and, better still, join the boards as a volunteer.

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