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May 29, 2017
The Mayor and Council
Township of Chatsworth
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Dear Chatsworth Council:

I represent the board of the Community Centre which has been the Hub of community life in our village and surrounding rural area for 135 years.

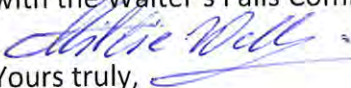
In the past 20 years, through local fundraising and community events we have been able to raise money to pay for upgrades to the Centre including: new furnace, new windows, fire exit deck with railings and roof, upgrade to electric service, new kitchen appliances and industrial Hobart dishwasher. We comply with all statutory obligations and have a clean Food Premises Inspection from Public Health. Although the Community Centre is owned by Chatsworth Township, we ensure that previous debts incurred by the Centre continue to be paid down by the current Board.

We are writing to request the support of the Chatsworth Council to upgrade the paintwork on the high front gable of the Centre with permanent cladding or paint. The work is out of range of what can be managed by our local volunteers and it is beginning to look shabby. We host the Walter's Falls Group of Artists each year and they are celebrating their 20th Anniversary in August, expecting to attract more than 2,000 to the Centre. We attach a letter from them drawing attention to the need for upgrade which we would like to undertake prior to July.

In addition, in this 150 year celebration of Canada, we would like to have a flagpole installed to proudly fly our Canadian flag and our provincial flag for the first time. We hope you will be able to join us on **July 15th** for our community celebration and ceremonially hoist the flags and enjoy the playing of a local bagpiper!

In terms of best way to proceed, we are suggesting that Chatsworth take on the responsibility for the painting/cladding and installation of the flagpole as you have the resources and appropriate equipment at your disposal. If however you require us to do the work on the Township-owned building – we believe that the costs and time frame would be extended past the time when we want to have the work completed for the July 15 festivities and the August Art Show.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience as these upgrades are essential to our plans for this year's activities that keep our community focused on preserving our rural and village heritage with the Walter's Falls Community Centre as our Community Hub.


Yours truly,

Milena Wells
Cc Bob DeJong



M. Wells
Chair, Walter's Falls Community Centre Board
Walter's Falls, Ontario.

Re: Walter's Falls Group of Artists (WFGA) – 20th Anniversary, Aug.25-27, 2017


Dear Millie Wells:

On behalf of the Walter's Falls Group of Artists, I wish to thank you and your Board for the cooperation and assistance you have provided us in making the Hall in Walter's Falls our home for the last 20 years. As you know, this coming August will be our 20th anniversary and we would appreciate your assistance in making this a special event to be celebrated. As such we will have a total of 24 artists participating, all from the local vicinity of Walter's Falls and Chatsworth, in this year's Show and Sale. Visitors are expected from surrounding regions such as Collingwood, Toronto, Kitchener, Guelph, Lake Huron shores, Bruce and Grey counties, etc. In past years, an average of 1000 visitors for the weekend have visited the Show and the village and surrounding countryside; this year we expect to double that number with our expanded advertising campaign.

As you know, the WFGA have been contributing annually where possible, to the restoration and enhancement of the appearance of the Hall, eg. painting of the complete interior of the Hall, including the 25 ft. high ceiling. As part of the celebration this year, we ask that the Board and the township consider taking the initiative to re-clad or repaint the exterior gable end of the building facing the road, where significant peeling of the coat of paint is a major eyesore, especially considering also the 150 anniversary celebrations that you are planning to have at the same location. We are willing to provide assistance where we can; however, we do not have the expertise and qualifications, eg. scaffolding and safety measures required to undertake such a project.

I would be happy to discuss this matter with you further at your convenience. Please let me know if you require additional information or assistance.

Respectfully,


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