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County of Elgin
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Via email: pducthak@elgin.ca & kthompson@elgin.ca

Re: Plank Road Traffic Safety Measures

Council considered the attached correspondence at the May 2, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council and passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Emerson
Seconded by: Councillor Chilcott

THAT the correspondence from Wendy Carmichael re Vienna Park Improvements and Parking be received for information;

AND THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Bayham requests Elgin County to consider options for traffic safety on Plank Road from Edison to Oak.

Please contact the undersigned if you require any further information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Meagan Elliott".

Meagan Elliott
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I am forwarding this letter of concern that I am asking you to review and provide a response. You will note that I previously sent out a letter of concern regarding the future of Anne Street property adjacent to the park.

It would appear that Bayham supports developers to pay rather than provide development of green space. As a resident in Vienna and municipality of Bayham I have to say that there are considerable acres of land in and about the village of Vienna for further development which means increased population including children and families. The current park in Vienna is neither a safe or functional park 12 months of the year. The business of the road to cross, proximity to the river and the fact that it is in an active floodplain makes it a risk to children and unable to provide a green space to use without concern for 12 months of the year. One wonders with the building that existed on the lands adjacent to it if in fact the integrity of the soil if tested were clear of carcinogens and hazardous contaminants. For this very reason the entire property on Anne street must remain parkland to ensure for the future needs of this community. It provides a safe place to play and for families to come together. Teams could enjoy this area if further developed for soccer and other sports. At the very least parking needs to be added to the park so people will have a safe place to park for activities. The pavilion and pickleball court were built at the cost of the Vienna Investment Fund but funds to improve Port Burwell and Intended improvement are coming from all taxpayers which seems a significant disadvantage to the residents of Vienna who continue to support the Vienna Lions Community Centre to pay their mortgage.

The only parking for the parks is that which is at the Vienna Lions Community Centre and one cannot find the municipality providing insurance for damage or injury for that parking lot. I cannot imagine the Lions group providing that insurance for the general population and if there is damage done to this lot by members of the community using it or a vehicle is damaged because of issues with the parking lot who will reimburse the vehicle owner or injured party .

With regard the practice of selling municipal properties to neighbours of the property which seems to be the practise previously observed for a Mr. Underhill and the closure of the road outside of Vienna along the river, I would respectfully request that this not happen on Plank Road. We need parking and have very limited legal street parking in Vienna. Parking on Plank Road allows people to leave their cars and attend stores and events with some security. When construction is being done on the streets of Vienna the lack of safe and legal parking makes for unsafe conditions and this happens frequently. Currently there is building going on in one location on Oak Street and potential for a second and third. No one is ensuring the safety of the community to drive on Oak street. Turning on and off of Fulton Street is extremely dangerous especially with the construction and the blind spots provided by the hill going West on Fulton Street.

I would ask that this letter be seriously considered with any planning counsel may be undertaking and I am requesting at this time a response.

From a personal perspective I am aging and so have little to gain for myself but there are so many dear children on Snow Street that I know and I value each one of them and want only

the best for the residents of this village. It is my commitment to the children of Vienna to ensure they have opportunities and quality life so I am asking that counsel seriously consider ensuring the well being of every child and resident in Vienna as is provided in other communities in Bayham. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Wendy Carmichael