



Municipality of West Elgin

Addendum Agenda

Council Meeting

Date: November 23, 2023, 4:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers
160 Main Street
West Lorne

Council Meetings are held in-person at 160 Main Street, West Lorne, and the post-meeting recording available at www.westelgin.net, when available (pending no technical difficulties).

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Recommendation:

That Council approve/deny the request from the Dutton Dunwich West Elgin Community Fund Steering Committee to waive fees for use of the Scout Hall meeting room, for an approximate total of \$162.00 per year.



ELGIN - ST. THOMAS
**Community
Foundation**

Dutton Dunwich-West Elgin Community Fund

What is a Community Foundation?

The Elgin-St.Thomas Community Foundation works with caring individuals to strengthen communities across Elgin County. We do this by matching donors with their giving interests, creating a lasting legacy that will impact change today, tomorrow and forever. Donor dollars are invested in an endowment fund and the interest generated each year is then granted to charitable organizations within Elgin County.

We are the charity for charities. For Elgin. Forever. Since 2003.

Currently managing over \$12 million in assets and have granted \$3.9 million as of 2021!



What is a Community Fund and how does it work?

A community fund is a fund that is dedicated to support a specific geographical area, such as Dutton Dunwich-West Elgin. The Dutton Dunwich-West Elgin Community Fund was established in 2020, with a founding donor campaign we successfully raised \$180,000, and granted \$4,350 in its first year!

- ✓ A local committee educates local citizens about the Community Fund.
- ✓ Local citizens make donations of cash, securities, land, bequests in a will or an insurance policy, etc. while receiving tax benefits (Connect with your financial advisor to learn what benefits work best for you!)
- ✓ Elgin-St. Thomas Community Foundation manages the assets, issues tax receipts, assists individuals in creating a named fund/leave a legacy, and more.
- ✓ The Dutton Dunwich-West Elgin Steering Committee decides on grants to local charities, and the Foundation issues grant cheques.
- ✓ Local charities receive funding needed to facilitate much needed projects in the Dutton Dunwich-West Elgin region.

How Can you Help?

Learn more, talk to a Steering Committee member, become a contributing donor, start a fund!

For more information, please contact any of the committee members below or call Elgin-St. Thomas Community Foundation.

Dutton Dunwich-West Elgin Community Fund Steering Committee



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November 6, 2023

To West Elgin Mayor and Council,

The Dutton Dunwich – West Elgin Community Fund Steering Committee is submitting this request, to waive fees for use of the Scout Hall meeting room, for our regular meetings. We generally meet 3-4 times yearly, for 1 ½ hours each meeting. At the current cost of \$27/hour, **the total requested would be a maximum of \$162/year.**

The Dutton Dunwich- West Elgin Community Fund is an arm of the Elgin St. Thomas Community Foundation. It was established by a group of local volunteers, in 2020. The creation of this fund was supported at the time, by both Councils of West Elgin and Dutton Dunwich. The Community Fund has been established for the purpose of supporting charitable and non-profit activities in our communities. We specialize in building endowment funds, where the capital is not encroached, and interest and other unrestricted earnings are granted back to Dutton Dunwich and West Elgin organizations.

Following a successful Founding Donor Campaign in 2020-21, as well as ongoing donations from generous community members, so far, we have been able to grant back over \$10,000, to 6 local organizations. We will soon be reviewing grant applications for 2023.

Please see the attached brochure, which gives a bit more detail about our Community Fund, and lists our volunteer Steering Committee members.

Thank-you for considering our request for waiving of room rental fees. And thank-you for allowing us to use Council Chambers up until this point.

Sincerely,

Bonnie

Bonnie Rowe, Chair,

DD-WE Community Fund Steering Committee