

Wollaston Public Library Board c/o Wollaston Public Library PO Box 280 Coe Hill ON KOL 1P0 613-337-5183

July 31, 2025

Dear Mayor Fuerth and Members of Council,

On July 30<sup>th</sup> 2025 the Wollaston Public Library Board met to discuss Council's recent decision to declare the property located at 5477 Hwy 620 as surplus.

The Township purchased this property in 2019 for \$130,000 using Modernization funding and held a community meeting in October 2019 to present preliminary drawings prepared by Greenview for a community hub, library and municipal office space. In 2021, Council used reserve funding to have the property cleared and further prepared for this project at a future date. The Board believes this location is ideally situated for a municipal building and library facility.

At its meeting on July 30, the Board passed the following motion:

Motion by Traci, Seconded by Peter - That the Wollaston Public Library Board opposes the Council decision to declare the 5477 Centre Street / Hwy 620 property as surplus and requests that Council reconsider and rescind that motion, to ensure that the property will be retained for a future library building. Carried.

The Board recognizes that there is currently no municipal funding available, and the Library Board has no specific building plan for a hub or library space at this time. It is our hope that there may be an opportunity in the future for this type of building project.

If Council decided to retain this property and designated it for the purpose of constructing a library, then the plans could begin to raise the capital funding required to achieve this goal.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Roxanne Lambert, Chair

On Behalf of the Wollaston Public Library Board