



Belwood Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2024

Belwood Hall at 7pm

1. Welcome
2. Guest Speaker: CAO, Dan Wilson, Township of Centre Wellington
Contact information: dwilson@centrewellington.ca phone: 519-846-9691 ext. 234

Discussion and input from the Belwood Community Development Committee regarding Mayor Watters
Notice of Motion: Childcare Centre, Belwood.

NOTICE OF MOTION – Child Care Centre, Belwood

That the Council of the Township of Centre Wellington direct staff to investigate and work towards supporting the development of a child-care facility /recreational space to be located in Belwood. This includes the collaboration and coordination between other levels of government and community partners;

AND THAT the investigation will include the identification of a site, planning issues, construction logistics, financial implication, and facility management. A public process including input from the Belwood advisory committee would also form part of this planning process;

AND THAT staff be instructed to bring back a report to Council at the June 24th meeting, providing background information and details to facilitate the next phase of this potential development.

Dan asked two questions for discussion:

- 1) What are your initial opinions of the Notice of Motion with regards to the childcare centre
 - 2) What are your thoughts about a recreational space
3. Guest Speaker: Township of Centre Wellington Programming
Alicia Wysman, Recreation Programmer, Parks and Recreation Division
Contact information: awysman@centrewellington.ca
 - people were interested in seeing some programming for all ages especially seniors
 - looking for water programs (canoeing?) and after school programs for teens (maybe cooking)
 - would encourage staff to look at Paris as a comparison
 - would like to see programming for March Break for young people
 - would like to see the teen dance program piloted in Belwood
 - could possibly bring in lower equipment MOSSA classes for Belwood residents
 4. Updates from the Township
 - a. Upcoming Monthly Topics/ Guests:
 - i. ~~January 10 – Tourism~~
 - ii. ~~February 14 – no guest~~
 - iii. ~~March 13 – Parks, Trails, Trees, Horticulture~~



- ~~iv. April 10 – GRCA~~
- ~~v. May 8 – Daycare Notice of Motion and programming possibilities~~
- vi. June 12– County of Wellington (speeding concerns, Roads department)
- vii. July/August – no meetings
- viii. September – TBD
- ix. October – TBD
- x. November - TBD
- xi. December – skip

- b. Key Township Projects Meeting and Mayor’s Townhall – May 30 at the Sportsplex from 6-8pm
- c. Community Connect Pilot Project to celebrate volunteer and inspire others to be engaged and connected through volunteerism. Please visit this website if you would allow us to share your volunteer story or if you know someone you would like us to spotlight.
<https://www.centrewellington.ca/living-here/connect-with-us/community-connect/>
- d. Link to all things Belwood Community Development Committee
<https://www.centrewellington.ca/living-here/connect-with-us/belwood-community-development-committee/>
- e. We are aware that there is an Osprey nest at the Ball Diamond and the Township Parks department is working with the GRCA and other experts in the field on how to handle this situation. For now, we will be asking the booking for the diamond comes earlier to avoid needing to use the lights.

5. New Business

- Next meeting is June 12 with the County of Wellington. We will have Don Kudo, County Engineer
- Joe de Koning (Manager of Roads), Pasquale Costanzo (Technical Services Supervisor), and Philippe Campbell (Engineering Technologist). The following items were given as talking points you would like them to address:
 - o Broadway gutter fixing
 - o Memorials along the roadsides
 - o More information on the easement application by the bridge
 - o Signage, garbage cans and portable washroom needs as seasonal visitors start to multiply
 - o Please send any other questions or topics you would like to discuss to kbettiol@centrewellington.ca
- Spill incident is being investigated and the Ministry of Natural Resources is a part of it. Dan will follow up with Public Works and we will post information on the Belwood Community Development webpage (link above) when we have more information