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## TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH: 2023 A YEAR IN REVIEW

With the release of The Township of Wellington North's Year in Review 2023, the Township is delighted to share the achievements that marked the first full year of the current Council Term in 2023. Throughout 2023, the Township maintained a forward-looking approach, working closely with the community and staff to establish priorities that will guide the remainder of the Council Term (2022 - 2026).

Some of the highlights of projects and initiatives that were completed in 2023, include:

- 400+ community members attended our two Volunteer & Newcomer Celebrations
- 500+ spaces offered through our Summer Day Camp program (Mount Forest and Arthur)
- Rehabilitation of the Mount Forest Standpipe (water tower)
- Reconstruction of Domville Street (Phase 2) and Preston Street North
- Wellington North Culture Days were held from Sep. 23 to Oct. 16
- Wellington North Famers' Market celebrated its 11<sup>th</sup> year
- Various upgrades at both the Mount Forest & District Sportsplex and Arthur & Area Community Centre

"I would like to congratulate staff and all of our partners for their tremendous efforts to deliver the important services that make Wellington North a wonderful community to be a part of. As a Council, we look forward to working towards the priorities identified as part of our new Strategic Plan" Mayor Andy Lennox.

In October 2023, Council approved the 2024 Strategic Plan, which through extensive consultation between Council, community, and Township staff, identified the primary goal of the Township: building a **safe, sustainable, and welcoming community**.

The 2023 Year in Review was developed to share some of the activities that have taken place in the last year, as well as to increase the level of accountability and transparency with the public. Reporting in this fashion is one way that the Township can demonstrate its commitment to providing a high level of service to the community while adding value and using resources responsibly.

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