

Wayne Clarke



May 24, 2024

To: Mayor and Council, Township of Rideau Lakes

Re: Donation of Property for Township Offices

I request that the Clerk place into correspondence for discussion at the Council meeting on May 27, 2024 the concept of new municipal offices in Elgin. I wish to donate 5 acres to the Township of Rideau Lakes for this purpose. I previously made this offer in October 2023 and also made the offer at the Elgin visioning session in November 2023 but perhaps my timing was off. As I know Council is again considering the offices perhaps this a better time.

The land is within the village limits of Elgin on the west side of Highway 15 and at the Kingston Street intersection. Location on this main corridor (Hwy 15) also offers convenience for Rideau Lakes residents as it is more or less central in the Township. Also Elgin offers many conveniences not found at the present location in Chantry not only for staff but for those visiting or doing business with the Township.

There is no better opportunity than now to build new municipal offices that will revive our spirits, create a common cause, showcase our world heritage resources and finally solve the problem of the lack of suitable office space.

Investing as soon as possible in much needed new centrally located municipal offices may outweigh the costs of putting it off for years to come. This building would service the Township for several decades and accommodate the future needs of the Township.

I would welcome the chance to discuss this offer and its potential with the Township.

Respectfully, *WAYNE CLARK*
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