

Friends of Maple Acre
c/o Sandee Matthews
October 12, 2022

Dear Mayor Junkin and Members of Pelham Council,

The Friends of Maple Acre made a presentation to Council on August 22, 2022. At that time, we highlighted our activities this year as well as our historical contributions to the community. Past efforts to beautify Fenwick and the library branch have included: assistance with library flooring, shelving, desks, equipment as well as exterior work and gardens. We have demonstrated our pride in our community and our library through these works and have provided things for the library through our efforts that did not cost the Town or its taxpayers.

Our support does not only pertain to the library. Beautification efforts this year have included the creation of a wonderful piece of public art that has garnered a great deal of attention. Fenwick has seen increased traffic as both residents and visitors come to view the beautifully carved tree located on Canboro Street.

While fundraising efforts continue, our group respectfully requests assistance from the funds set aside for Fenwick beautification. The support of this project is not a bail out. It is recognition of our efforts, which have been substantial, and an indication of a forward-thinking Council that thinks outside the box and is supportive of arts and culture in the community.

Our ask from the Town of Pelham is \$5000 toward our beautification project. While we did not seek these funds prior to beginning the project, we did verbally discuss it with our Mayor, Council representative and town staff who encouraged us to do so at this time.

Many thanks in advance for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Sandee Matthews for the Friends of Maple Acre

We have raised \$11,898.21 to date

We are 60% to our goal. With 2 more fund raisers planned for this year.

Please join us at our Waffle Brunch Nov 5, 2022 at Fenwick Firehall from 9am -12 noon

The financial and in kind support from our personal donors, volunteers and sponsors to date have been outstanding;

Willowbrook Nursery

Lionettes

RBC

Fenwick Firefighters Association

Safe Trees

Devries

Town of Pelham

Pelham Library

Country Corner Market

Giant Tiger

Food Basic