

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Town of Pelham Council

**From:** Vickie vanRavenswaay, Director of Recreation, Culture & Wellness

**Date:** April 22, 2026

**Subject:** Fonthill Lions Club Land Transfer to the Town of Pelham

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**Recommendation:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive memo 2026-0093 “Fonthill Lions Club land transfer to the Town of Pelham,” for information.**

Staff have been engaged in negotiations with the Fonthill Lions Club regarding the potential transfer of ownership of G.L.Klager Park, municipally known as 103 Hurricane Road, in Fonthill. The Park comprises approximately 5.36 acres, including a clubhouse/hall building and outdoor amenities such as a pavilion, baseball/softball diamond, ball hockey rink, multi-purpose court, playground, and parking lot.

Fonthill Lions Club and the Town of Pelham are proud to announce the signing of a landmark agreement to ensure the long-term sustainability, accessibility, and growth of G.L. Klager Park as a vital community hub. The Fonthill Lions Club has agreed to transfer the ownership of G.L.Klager Park to the Town of Pelham.

Under the agreement, the Fonthill Lions Club will continue to host events, meetings, and community programming at the park, while the Town of Pelham assumes responsibility for long-term maintenance, infrastructure, and future improvements. This collaborative model preserves the Club's legacy and strengthens the park's future. The lands will remain dedicated to public recreational use in perpetuity, ensuring that G.L.Klager Park continues to serve as a community asset for generations.

To commemorate this meaningful partnership, we look forward to a special celebration at G.L. Klager Park, bringing together members of the Fonthill Lions Club, the Town of Pelham Council and Staff, and community residents. The event will highlight the shared commitment to preserving the park's legacy and to fostering its growth as a vibrant space for all. Festivities will include a recognition ceremony honouring the efforts that made this agreement possible.