



# Optimist Club of Bryanston-Birr, Inc.

*"Friend of Youth"*

July 17, 2025

Municipality of Middlesex Centre  
10227 Ilderton Road  
Ilderton, ON N0M 2A0

Attention: Mayor Aina DeViet, Members of Council  
Michael Di Lullo, Chief Administrative Officer  
Scott Mairs, Director of Community Services

Dear Mayor, Members of Council, Members of Administration

Re: Bryanston School Property

The Bryanston-Birr community came together to celebrate Canada Day on July 1st. Over 800 people attended the Firemen's Breakfast and over 1000 people came out to enjoy the various activities our Club hosted at the Bryanston School Park.

We wish to thank the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and those members of council who attended. The Municipality's grant and your presence at this event is greatly appreciated.

Our Club is now turning its mind to 2026, which will include commemorating our Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In conjunction with this milestone, we are contemplating embarking on a community capital fundraising campaign to augment the amenities available to the community at the Bryanston School Property. We would like to work in collaboration with the Municipality on such a Project.

Council's motion of January 15, 2025, declaring the Bryanston School Property surplus, and its subsequent motion of March 12, 2025, re-scheduling the property's disposition to January, 2029, will impede such a Project.

The Optimist Club of Bryanston-Birr is respectfully asking Council to formally reconsider and rescind the plan to dispose of the Bryanston School Property now, so that the community may invest in the property knowing that it will serve our community as an athletic field and park for years to come. The letters, emails and telephone calls from residents in March, 2025 opposing the disposition of the property confirm that this positive step by Council at this time would be welcomed by the ratepayers.

We look forward to having this matter dealt with at an upcoming meeting of Council.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of  
The Optimist Club of Bryanston-Birr,

Ronald J. Smith, President

Margaret Szilassy, Past President