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### MEDIA RELEASE

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For Immediate Release:

# Land Agreement for New Park Development on the South-West Side of Mount Elgin

The Township of South-West Oxford has entered into an agreement with Mount Elgin Developments Inc., to exchange 2.9 acres of parkland at the Mount Elgin Community Centre for an equal amount of land along the south-west side of Mount Elgin Road. This exchange will facilitate the development of a new, larger park on the southwest side of Mount Elgin as part of Phase 1 of the new Mount Elgin Heights development. (see Diagram 1)

As part of this agreement, the Township is also purchasing an additional lot within Phase 1 and approximately three-quarters of an acre of land for additional parking, bringing the new park's total area to around 3.6 acres at a total cost of \$179,000.00. The former parkland at the Mount Elgin Community Centre is proposed to be developed for residential housing, focusing on housing opportunities for seniors. In the interim, the Township will lease back the exchanged land at the Mount Elgin Community Centre for five years to continue using the existing ball diamond and tennis court while planning the new park's development.

Public input will be sought regarding the new park amenities at the future site. Follow the Township on social media or check for updates at <a href="https://www.swox.org/news">www.swox.org/news</a>.

## Mayor comments:

"Council saw an opportunity to work with a private partner to enhance park space for our residents to enjoy, while at the same time continuing to support long-term housing development in Mount Elgin. This supports our strategy for a healthy and active community, and our broader vision for building a welcoming rural community for life."

Mayor David Mayberry, Township of South-West Oxford

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# Diagram 1 (note that the increased parking area for the Mount Elgin Community Centre has yet to be confirmed)

