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MEDIA RELEASE

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

The Council of the Township of South-West Oxford, at its November 5, 2024, regular meeting, approved the exchange of approximately 2.932 acres of Township-owned land from the existing park on the east side of Mount Elgin Community Centre for approximately 2.932 acres of Phase 1 privately-owned Mount Elgin Heights subdivision land to develop a new expanded park on the southwest side of Mount Elgin.

Through this exchange, the Township will increase the size of the new west side park to approximately 3.6 acres at a cost of \$99,000.00, as well as purchase the former Lot 11 in Phase 1 for \$80,000.00 to be joined to the new park as a parking area that will allow more residents to access the space.

The agreement joins the 2.932 acres of former parkland to property owned by 1000182281 Ontario Inc. for future potential residential development. The Township will lease back the 2.932 acres of land on the east side of Mount Elgin for five years, with renewal options, to continue utilizing the existing ball diamond while allowing time to plan for the uses of the new west side park area.

The Township may utilize reserves to fund the \$179,000.00 purchase.

Town Council will be seeking public input regarding the development of the new parkland from the community at a future date. Follow the Township on social media or check for updates at www.swox.org/news.

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

BACKGROUND



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

