



November 6, 2023

To West Elgin Mayor and Council,

**The Dutton Dunwich – West Elgin Community Fund Steering Committee** is submitting this request, to waive fees for use of the Scout Hall meeting room, for our regular meetings. We generally meet 3-4 times yearly, for 1 ½ hours each meeting. At the current cost of \$27/hour, **the total requested would be a maximum of \$162/year.**

The Dutton Dunwich- West Elgin Community Fund is an arm of the Elgin St. Thomas Community Foundation. It was established by a group of local volunteers, in 2020. The creation of this fund was supported at the time, by both Councils of West Elgin and Dutton Dunwich. The Community Fund has been established for the purpose of supporting charitable and non-profit activities in our communities. We specialize in building endowment funds, where the capital is not encroached, and interest and other unrestricted earnings are granted back to Dutton Dunwich and West Elgin organizations.

Following a successful Founding Donor Campaign in 2020-21, as well as ongoing donations from generous community members, so far, we have been able to grant back over \$10,000, to 6 local organizations. We will soon be reviewing grant applications for 2023.

Please see the attached brochure, which gives a bit more detail about our Community Fund, and lists our volunteer Steering Committee members.

Thank-you for considering our request for waiving of room rental fees. And thank-you for allowing us to use Council Chambers up until this point.

Sincerely,

*Bonnie*

Bonnie Rowe, Chair,

DD-WE Community Fund Steering Committee