



October 3, 2023

On behalf of the West Lorne and Community Horticultural Society, I wish to express our displeasure at the decision by the West Elgin Municipal Council to take sole possession of the meeting room at the Community Complex in West Lorne. The room served as home to several service clubs, after school programs and many other events. While the decision did not sit well with our society, it was made worse by the fact that there was never an opportunity for discussion. The lack of transparency was evident by the fact that we were informed of this decision when we were told to remove all items from storage. Our Society viewed this room and the building as our home. We had intended to remain indefinitely, as evident by the fact that we had established roots there, literally. The construction and growth of the Centennial Gardens was designed to draw attention to the Society achieving its 100th anniversary. It was also intended to add to the aesthetic beauty of the building and the community. We agreed to look after the upkeep of the gardens which is now bitterly ironic since we no longer have a connection to the building. We would hope that council would see fit to revisit this issue, do the right thing and reverse this decision.

Respectfully,

Samm Okolisan,
President

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