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Good Afternoon

On behalf of the Crinan Community Centre, we would like to extend a huge thank you to the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich and Municipality of West Elgin for joining forces to construct a parking lot for the Crinan Community Centre. We can't wait to host events at our facility and hear the compliments about how much safer and accessible our building is with a parking lot. No more worries about safety.

We look forward to inviting you to our next event when we can formally acknowledge your contribution and properly thank you in person. We will hang an acknowledgement in our hall so that patrons are aware of the origin of the parking lot.

Attached is a "good news story" giving a brief history of our building and acknowledging your contribution. We would be happy to have this published in The Chronicle if ;we have your permission to do so.

I'm hoping that this email can be forwarded to Mayor Purcell and Mayor McPhail and shared with Council.

Thanks.

Ron and Barb Ross

## Crinan Community Centre Parking Lot

The Crinan Community Centre (CCC), located at 13568 Dunborough Road, had another line added to its history book on October 12, 2020, when the municipalities of Dutton-Dunwich and West Elgin partnered in the construction of a parking lot on the grounds of the Centre.

The Crinan Community Centre (CCC) has been an important part of the West Elgin and Dutton-Dunwich communities since the early 1900s. It was one of four one-room schools built on the Dunwich Aldborough townline so that children living between Lake Erie and the Thames River did not have to walk so far to school. The CCC, originally known as Union School Section No. 3, was opened on October 22, 1913. This one-room school continued until 1964, when Dutton Dunwich and Aldborough Public schools were opened. In 1965, it ceased to be a Section School and was purchased by the community and supported by the Crinan Womens' Institute. It is the last USS school on the Aldborough Dunwich townline that is not a residence. The Centre was one of the stops on the Heritage Committee's Doors Open event held in October 2019. Its history is well illustrated and documented on its walls.

The Community Centre continues to be at the heart of both communities, hosting birthday parties, card parties, bridal and baby showers, Hallowee'en, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years' parties and other family functions. These events are attended by residents from West Elgin, Dutton-Dunwich, and surrounding areas. Unfortunately, the only parking available was along Dunborough Road making it dangerous not only for participants using the CCC, but also for commuters travelling the road, and emergency vehicles.

The CCC is grateful for the support of the two municipalities in partnering on this venture to ensure everyone's safety. Continuing to follow guidance from Public Health and once people feel safe holding functions again, the Crinan Community Centre is looking forward to adding to both its history pages and yours by continuing to be the host of many more family and community functions.