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TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE COMMUNITY GROWTH PLAN

For Immediate Release:

Wellington North, On - The Township of Wellington North has initiated a Community Growth Plan and will hold two Public Meetings as follows:

Thursday Sept. 7th, 2017 @ 7:00PM in the Community Hall at the Mount Forest & District Sports Complex

Thursday September 14th, 2017 @ 7:00PM in the Upper Hall at the Arthur & Area Community Centre

You are invited to attend to provide your input and ideas about planning for and managing future growth and development in the Township.

Why are we preparing a Community Growth Plan?

Wellington North along with the other municipalities of Wellington County is part of a large and significant growth region in Ontario referred to as the Greater Golden Horseshoe, which includes the Greater Toronto Area and surroundings. This area is subject to the Provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe which sets out how much growth should be planned for as well as policies and targets for how and where growth should be accommodated. Pursuant to the Growth Plan, the Wellington County Official Plan identifies that the Township's population is expected to grow by 5,195 residents and local employment by 2,370 jobs by the year 2041. The purpose of the Community Growth Plan is to create a local strategy for managing and directing the planned population and employment growth in Wellington North, aligned with investments in infrastructure, transportation and community services. A consulting team led by GSP Group Inc. has been retained by the Township to conduct the project with Township & County staff and a Steering Committee.

Why your feedback is important:

Community and stakeholder consultation is a key part of the process of developing the Community Growth Plan. The purpose of the Public Meetings is to provide members of the public with information about the Community Growth Plan and an opportunity to participate in shaping the future of Wellington North built on positive growth and change.

At the meetings, information and mapping will be on display to illustrate how land in the Township's urban settlement areas of Arthur and Mount Forest is currently designated and planned for future development. A workshop session will begin with a presentation by the consulting team, followed by a roundtable discussion to discuss community strengths, opportunities, constraints, options and directions to consider in the Community Growth Plan. The consulting team and Township staff will be on hand to initiate the discussions and respond to any comments or questions. Additional opportunities to submit comments will be made available through the process.

If you are unable to attend one of these Public Meetings and would like to have input into the Community Growth Plan please go to www.wellington-north.com and complete the Community Growth Plan on-line survey that you can find on the home page. For additional information or to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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Dated at the Township of Wellington North this 16th day of August, 2017.