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TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES FOR THE COMMUNITY GROWTH PLAN

For Immediate Release:

The Township of Wellington North has prepared a draft Community Growth Plan and will hold two Public Open Houses as follows:

- **Wednesday, January 24th, 2018, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Leisure Room at the Mount Forest & District Sports Complex**
- **Wednesday, January 31st, 2018, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Upper Hall at the Arthur & Area Community Centre**

You are invited to attend to provide your thoughts about the draft recommendations and strategies for planning and managing future growth and development in the Township.

Why have we prepared a Community Growth Plan? Wellington North along with the other municipalities of Wellington County are part the Greater Golden Horseshoe, a large growth region that is subject to a Provincial Growth Plan which directs how much population and employment growth to plan for and how it should be accommodated. The Township's population is expected to grow by 5,195 residents and local employment by 2,370 jobs by the year 2041. The draft Community Growth Plan presents local strategies and recommended targets for managing and directing future population and employment growth in Wellington North, aligned with investments in infrastructure, transportation and community services.

Why your feedback is important: The draft Community Growth Plan has been developed based on input received from the community through workshops, stakeholder focus group sessions, online surveys and other consultation held earlier in the process. The process has been guided by a Steering Committee of local community leaders, as well as council, and consultation continues to be a key part of the Community Growth Plan as we finalize the plan and move towards implementation. The purpose of the Public Open Houses is to provide information about the draft directions and an opportunity for comments, questions and discussion.

At the Open Houses, information and mapping will be available and representatives from Council, Township staff, The Steering Committee and the Consultants will be on hand to discuss the key directions of the Community Growth Plan and respond to any comments or questions. Please feel free to drop in at anytime during the evening as there is no formal agenda or presentation. To view the draft Community Growth Plan please go to www.wellington-north.com and the report will be available no later than January 22, 2018. If you are unable to attend and would like to provide your comments, please contact:

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Dated at the Township of Wellington North this 10th day of January, 2018