



*Preserving, promoting, and developing Wellington North's unique cultural resources to build a vibrant community and a prosperous economy.*

## CULTURAL MOMENT FOR APRIL 22, 2024

### CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMALGAMATION



This year, 2024, marks the 25th anniversary of the amalgamation that resulted in the creation of the Township of Wellington North.

Events are currently being planned for later in the year to celebrate this milestone.

“Stronger Together Since 1999” is the 25th anniversary slogan.

The Township of Wellington North, to quote the municipal website, “was created in 1999 from the Town of Mount Forest, the Village of Arthur, the Townships of West Luther and Arthur, as well some of the outlying areas in the Townships of Peel and West Garafraxa. Stretching over 526 square kilometres, it is now home to over 12,500 people. Wellington North is expected to grow to approximately 20,500 people by 2051 (an increase of more than 64 per cent).”



An amalgamation means one governing body and one budget instead of many smaller ones. It means a stronger voice and a more powerful financial position. It means a diversity of backgrounds and skills and knowledge with which we can go “Semper Porro” – Latin for “Always Forward” – which is our municipal motto.

Wellington North’s strengths include our strong agricultural base. We can enjoy food straight from the source in many cases. We are close enough to the services we need but far away enough to escape the noise and light pollution. We can choose to live within walking distance of conveniences or in a place where we can walk for hours without meeting anyone.

This year, join together to celebrate our home.

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