



St. John's Community Church

Orton Community Association
4 John Street,
East Garafraxa,
Ontario L9W 7G4

April 23, 2025

East Garafraxa Council
Township of East Garafraxa
065371 Dufferin County Road 3
East Garafraxa, Ontario
L9W 7J8

RE: Fence Installation at Orton Community Park

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

The Orton Community Association (OCA) wishes to follow up on our request of March 28, 2024, requesting that a fence be installed at the Orton Community Park, along the third baseline of the baseball field.

The baseball field is frequently used by the community from May to September. The OCA organizes a kids' baseball program, a weekly baseball game for adults, and other events using the baseball field. The baseball field and Orton Community Park are a tremendous asset to our community and are much appreciated by residents of Orton and surrounding areas.

Currently there is a fence along the first baseline of the baseball field, but no fence along the third baseline. The absence of the third baseline fence results in balls often needing to be retrieved from a swampy area of brush and trees between the Orton Community Park and the Grand River Conservation Authority property of the Elora-Cataract Trailway.

We believe that this poses a health and safety risk, especially for children, where having to hunt for balls in an area thick with brush and often dense with mosquitos and possibly ticks could result in injury or contraction of disease.

The OCA requests that a fence, similar in dimensions to the existing fence along the first baseline, be installed along the third baseline of the Orton Community Park as soon as possible.

The OCA wishes to repeat the offer extended to the Township last year, being that the OCA will procure and oversee the installation of the fence, and pay all costs, if we are permitted to use the professional fence installer who installed the first baseline fence in 2022, using the same or similar materials to the existing fence.



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We respectfully request that Council approve the OCA's request for permission to procure and install this fence in the Orton Community Park subject to the conditions described above or, alternatively, for the Township to procure and install the fence at the Township's expense.

Given that more than a year has elapsed since our initial request, we respectfully request that Council prioritize this matter such that the installation of this fence can occur prior to the end of the 2025 baseball season.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Pearson".

Michael Pearson
President
Orton Community Association