

To: CAO Michelle Wilson,  
Mayor Walter Schummer, W3 Councillor Angela Canavan  
From: Olga Kuzmich *Nov. 14, 2024*  
Re: Brock Township Animal Centre

This facility was named in honour of Jean Dench, Brock resident, who bequeathed more than \$500 000 in her will to cover the costs for a new animal shelter.

The official grand opening of this facility was in May 2012. May 2027 will mark the 15<sup>th</sup> year that this facility has provided a safe, warm, loving, healthy environment for lost, found, *abandoned*, orphaned, neglected, abused and injured animals in Brock Township.

I am wishful and very confident that council and senior staff will work collaboratively to plan a celebration to mark its 15<sup>th</sup> year. Hopefully, council will approve a mural on an exterior wall of the shelter that depicts Ms. Dench's two German Shepherds, her Feline and Ms. Ruby (our first shelter cat who became a lifelong resident of the shelter). There are pictures in the shelter of Ms. Dench, her German Shepherds and Ms. Ruby that can be utilized in the creation of an exterior mural. The mural could also consist of canines, felines and wildlife. An open house in May 2027 would also be appropriate to mark the 15<sup>th</sup> year. Also, recognizing the shelter staff at this time would be great.

There are many artists in Brock that could be contacted to see if there is an interest in participating. The schools' art classes could also get involved by submitting sketches. There could be a contest, a fundraiser etc. So many options to consider.

Thank you.

*Olga Kuzmich*