

April 13, 2025

To all it may concern:

I am writing this note in support of Angela Canavan's motion to council to fund additional portapotties at Brock Township Canada Day events. I am sure that she will eloquently argue the case for the township funding this expense, but we would like to add our own support to the proposal.

I have not long been a Lions member, but senior members have told me that funding for additional toilet facilities has historically operated on an ad hoc basis. Some years we have not requested them; in view of recent numbers of attendees that would now be a mistake. When we have used them generally the Township has paid for them, though not always. Recent policy changes mean we are not eligible for this support, unless an amending motion is passed (as I understand it).

The Cannington Canada Day celebrations are easily the largest annual event in our town. Many if not most municipalities organize some or all of these celebrations, but here the Lions Club has been responsible for the entire event. Not that we begrudge this in the slightest; we love doing it and we get plenty of support from various sources, particularly the Federal government. Some years we run a small surplus. Some years we run a small deficit. I also recognize that the cost of additional toilet facilities is not a huge one relative to our overall budget, but it is substantial relative to any surplus or deficit we might have. I fear that this withdrawal of funding (in effect) is potentially the start of a slippery slope, because we don't have the resources to deal with other unforeseen expenses that might be incurred in the future.

In light of the importance of the event and the unique contribution we have made in running it, I ask that you support paying for additional toilet facilities at Cannington's Canada Day celebrations.

Respectfully,

Olav Randoja

Cannington Lions Club president.