

FamiliesFirst

WE CELEBRATE LIFE

December 8, 2021

The Town of LaSalle Council
5950 Malden Road
LaSalle, Ontario
N9H 1S4

Dear Mayor Marc Bondy and members of LaSalle Council:

We were pleased to have several meetings with Peter Marra and other town members who outlined a proposal to reforest a portion of the area located on the Volmer property. We are very interested in funding this project for several reasons. We know that reforestation needs to happen now for the benefit to be realized 20 or more years from now. We have both lived in LaSalle most of our lives and value the town's leadership to create walkways, parks, and green space for the community. We also know the hardship families have endured since the beginning of covid just trying to celebrate the life of a loved one who has died. That is why we are asking you to consider naming the area **"Healing Hearts Forest."** dedicated to all who experienced loss during Covid. The forest would not provide individual naming of trees. Instead, create a place for those who have experienced any type of loss. Covid19 created a lack of ability to celebrate life in a meaningful way with friends and family, or hope is this will provide a place to go on significant anniversary dates to reflect and find peace.

The Vollmer property is perfect for grieving individuals and families because of easy access and many amenities nearby. We would provide funding as outlined in Peter Marra's proposal, primarily Mary-Lynn and Brian Parent \$88,000.00 personally and Families First Funeral Home & Tribute Centre \$30,000.00. We would include all aspects discussed, including the Gazebo, Butterfly Garden, Sign, Asphalt Trail and Tree planting by the Essex Regional Conservation Authority. We understand that while much preparation may take place on the site in the spring and summer of 2022, the actual planting of trees would be in the fall of 2022.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our reforestation proposal.



Brian & Mary-Lynn Parent



Jennifer Wells & Sherri Tovell Families First Funeral Home & Tribute Centre

Brian and Mary-Lynn Parent & Families First Memorial Forest Sponsorship Proposal

This proposal has been prepared in response to Mr. Brian Parent's request to provide a sponsorship opportunity of a reforested area within the Town of LaSalle. We understand the proposal is to be a coordinated effort between Mr. and Mrs. Parent and Families First.

The location that is available for a reforestation area is located at the Vollmer property, on the hill, south of the stormwater management pond, east of the baseball diamonds. See enclosed sketch.

The proposal below is provided for consideration and items have been broken down to allow for specific items to be chosen to be carried forward now or into the future. This proposal has been prepared in partnership with ERCA. ERCA's part of the proposal, is to coordinate the supply and placement of the various trees, while LaSalle will provide overall project oversight/coordination and will coordinate all other matters/aspects chosen to move forward.

This proposal will require Town Council approval and coordination of a formal agreement between all three parties. It is understood that this work will occur in 2022, with tree planting to occur into the fall of 2022.

Required

Asphalt Trail Connection to Parking lot

Town Cost	\$	40,000.00
Sponsorship portion	\$	15,000.00

Optional Items

Gazebo (estimated cost for similar structure pictured)	\$	50,000.00
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Butterfly Garden

\$ 2,000.00

Benches

\$ 1,500.00/each

Sign (wording to be coordinated with sponsor)

\$ 5,000.00



Tree planting	\$ 36,000.00
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(based on approx. 425 trees, that are 5 – 7 feet tall, to be supplied, planted, mulched, etc. by ERCA)

Planting of trees could occur in the spring 2022. Gazebo and asphalt work would most likely occur into the summer/fall of 2022. It is anticipated that a fully complete sponsorship would be ready in the fall of 2022.

We trust that this meets your approval and acknowledgement is required so that Town administration can prepare and present this to Council for their approval.



PROPOSED FAMILIES FIRST SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

SCALE:
1:1250 (11x17)

