

September 23, 2021

The Municipality of West Grey  
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Durham, ON  
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Attention: Laura Johnston – CAO/Deputy Clerk

**Re: Carol Lawrence Dedication**

We are pleased and honored that a delegation feels that a memorial of some nature to honor Carol Lawrence for her dedicated service to the Town of Durham, West Grey, and The County of Grey for 42 years from 1976 to 2018, by dedicating the Heritage Walkway Bridge in her name is fitting.

We are pleased to see and congratulate The West Grey Lions and The West Grey Council for the further development of the park at the entrance to the Heritage Walkway Bridge from Garafraxa Street. This development will certainly enhance what has become a popular attraction to not only the local residents but those traveling on highway 6. Without the bridge, it is doubtful that this new park would be developed.

We can only imagine how pleased Mom/Carol would be to know that her foresight and determination on spearheading the prevention of the scheduled destruction and removal of that railway bridge would be to the Town and area, as it is a popular walkway serving not only the local town folk, but also in attracting people to the large Conservation area and downtown business establishments.

We would like to thank you in advance for considering the dedication of the Heritage Walkway Bridge to honor our mother/wife for the many years she dedicated to public service. Carol's family will cover any costs to maintain the dedication signage in the future.

From her family, Jack Lawrence, Cheryl Reaburn, Jason Lawrence, and Tanya Heipel.



## Mom's Political Career

### Council, Boards and Committees

From	To	Description	Position
<b><u>Some Quotes, Accolades &amp; Recognition</u></b>			
Christine Robinson (2019)		The longevity of Lawrence's tenure in municipal politics speaks to her importance to the community Her accomplishments that have shaped West Grey and her devotion to public service will forever be her legacy	
Larry Miller, MP (2018)		Carol Lawrence is a staple in the community ... since her first election in 1976 she has won 14 elections and served along side six different mayors. There are not many resumes that are as impressive as Carol's. Carol has served in each of her positions with determination, transparency, compassion and most of all with a commitment to make her community better.	
Bob Pringle (former mayor of Chatsworth) (2018)		Lawrence could have easily been elected warden during her time on Grey County council, but she decided not to seek the position (Carol's response - I chose not to as I wanted to stay focused on local politics)	
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (2008)		Recipient of the Ministry's Long Standing Service Award for recognition of 25 years of service as a municipal representative.	
Norm Gamble (CAO Grey County) (2003)		You will particularly be missed in our Long-Term Care discussions and you have made some lasting marks on what we like to think as three of the finest facilities in the Province. If they aren't that way today then at least, through you efforts and the efforts of others, in terms of our plans, they will be shortly.	
Georgian College Board (1995)		Recipient of the Board of Governors' Award from Georgian College, which was created for presentation to individuals outside the College who have made a special or noteworthy contribution to Georgian college.	
Georgian College Board (1995)		Carol's passion and commitment concerning community interests extended to the Grey County Board of Education where she served as a Trustee from 1988 to 1994. Carol was instrumental in developing the linkage agreement between Georgian College and the Grey County Board of Education	
Georgian College Board of Governors (1994)		Received appointment of Honorary Governor - which is intended to convey a life-time association with Georgian College and places the recipient in the position of honour, in the records of the College, for their service to the educational needs of the people of the Georgian Bay Region and Ontario.	
<b><u>West Grey/Town of Durham Council Positions</u></b>			
1977	1978	Elected as a councillor for Town of Durham	Councillor
1979	1988	Reeve/Deputy-Mayor for the Town of Durham	Reeve/Deputy-Mayor
1995	2000	Reeve/Deputy-Mayor for the Town of Durham	Reeve/Deputy-Mayor
2001	2003	Deputy-Mayor for the Municipality of West Grey	Deputy-Mayor
2004	2018	Councillor for the Municipality of West Grey (toping the poles in 2014)	Councillor
<b><u>Grey County Positions</u></b>			
1979	1988	Grey County Council - for 19 years	Councillor
1995	2000	Grey County Council - for 19 years	Councillor
1989	1994	Grey County Board of Education	Trustee
1979	1987	Grey Bruce Board of Health	Board member
1995	2007	Grey Bruce Board of Health	Board member/Vice Chair
		Grey Bruce health unit head-quarters	Building committee
1998	2000	Grey County and Owen Sound Housing Authority	Member
<b><u>Long-Term Care Homes</u></b>			
	1984	Rockwood Terrace Long-Term Care Facility - original construction	Building Chair
	1999	Grey Gables Long-Term Care Facility - original construction	Building Chair
		Refurbishment of Lee Manor Long-Term Care Facility	Building committee
2016		Fought to save Rockwood Terrace and not have it closed	Committee group
		Refurbishment of Grey Owen Lodge Long-Term Care Facility	Building committee
		Grey/Owen Sound Joint Homes for the Aged Building Committee	County Chair & Member
	9 years	Homes for the Aged Committee	Chair & member
		Long-term care committee	County Chair
		Homes for Aged, Health & Hospital	
		County Homes Committee	Chair & Vice Chair

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<b><u>Georgian College Positions</u></b>			
1989	1990	Georgian College board of Governors	Governor
1991	1993	Georgian College board of Governors	Vice-Chair
1993	1994	Georgian College board of Governors	Governor
1990	1994	Georgian College board of Governors - Finance and Audit Committee	Committee Member
	5 years	Member of Finance and Audit Committee	Member
	4 years	Chair of Nominating Committee	Chair
		Special Board affiliate for a number of College Advisory Committees	
		Steering committees as follows: College Operation Review and Presidential Search Committee	

### **Member of Local Committees & Boards**

		Arena Board	
		BIA Committee	
		Board of Works Committee	
		Cemetery Committee	
		Community Centre Board	
		Economic Development Advisory Committee	
		Finance & Personnel Committee	
		Fire Committee	
		Library Committee	
		Planning Committee	
		Promotion & Tourism Committee	
		Recreation Committee	
		Saugeen Municipal Airport Committee	Vice Chair & member
		Town Hall Committee	
		Town Hall Renovating Committee	Chair
		Transition Committee	
		West Grey Parks, Recreation & Culture Local Committee	
		West Grey Police Service Board	

### **Member of Grey County Committees & Boards**

		1996 Counties & Regions Conference	
		7 Warden's Committees	
		Budget Committee	
		Children's Aid Society	
		City/County Restructuring Committee	
		Finance and Personnel	
	4 years	Finance Chair of Health Unit	
		Grey/Owen Sound Health Unit Committee	Vice Chair & Member
		Health and Social Services Committee	Vice Chair & Member
		House & Community Support	
		Housing Authority Board	
		Municipal Review Task Force	
		Personnel Committee	
		Planning Committee	
		Seniors & Social Services	

### **Member of Grey County Board of Education Committees & Boards**

		Budget Committee	
		Community education Committee	
		Education Committee	
		Finance Committee	
		Grievance Committee (chair)	
		Negotiations Committee	
		Operations Committee	
		Property and Accommodation Committee	
		Transportation Committee	

## Mom's Political Career

Council, Boards and Committees

From	To	Description	Position
<b><u>Building Committees</u></b>			
		Normanby arena renovations	
2008	2009	Neustadt Community Center - new 8,000 sq ft community center	Building Committee
	2019	Elmwood arena renovations	
	2010	Durham and District Community Center - newly renovated facility	
		Renovations to the Ayton Community Center	

### Heritage Walkway Bridge

The popular Heritage Bridge was a major accomplishment in her career as it has become a main attraction in West Grey. Instrumental part in the original bid to maintain the former railway bridge over the Saugeen River that was to be demolished, connecting George Street and Garafraxa Street, and restoring it to the walking bridge we know today. With her strong foresight, determination and vision, she was able to convince council to take ownership of the bridge to restore it as a walking bridge for the benefit of the community.

The Heritage Bridge has been a tourist attraction for countless visitors, as well as a walking bridge for many residents of the community. The Heritage Bridge is used for many functions and celebrations during the year.

For a second time, was instrumental in forming a committee to save the bridge when it was declared unsafe and was to be removed. A grant was subsequently received which allowed the required repairs to be made, thus saving the bridge for use by current and future generations.

The Heritage Bridge adjoins the Lyons' parkette, on the main street side of the bridge, the two venues compliment and add to each other. The bridge gives access to interesting and attractive walking routes as people do the circle walk, either through the Saugeen Conservation Park or just around town.

### Other Boards and Committees

	1976	Durham Hospital - fight to stop closure	
1976		Durham Memorial Hospital - fight to keep it from closing	
1997	1997	Emergency Control Group during 1977 Durham Flood Emergency	Member
		Heritage Bridge - original improvements and rebuild	
		Medical clinic	
		Ontario Trillium Foundation	Grant Review Team
		Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority board of Directors	

### Clubs and Memberships

1952	1955	Durham High School Girls Trumpet Band	Majorette
1968	1974	Durham Girls Drum and Bugle Corp	Assistant Director, treasurer & executive
2012	2017	Durham Girls Alumni Band	Marching member
2012	2017	Durham Girls Alumni Band	Advisory Committee
		Trillium Grant - worked with council and the Durham Girls Alumni Band	
	1995	Compiling & Publishing of "History of the Town of Durham 1842-1994"	Participant
1969	1978	Kinsmen/Kinnette	Member
1972	1973	Kinsmen/Kinnette	President
		Durham Optimist	Charter member & director
long time member		Royal Canadian Legion Branch 308	Associate member