

# PROJECT UPDATE TO COUNCIL SOUTH HURON OPTIMIST CLUB

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# ABOUT OUR CLUB

- Started in June 2010
- Membership comprised of 25 women age 25 – 45
- Run or assist with many established events throughout the year
- Our mandate is to support youth and families in South Huron



# HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

## Great Community Challenge

Money raised for Centralia and Crediton playgrounds, Exeter Community Food Bank, Mental Health initiatives in South Huron along with many other beneficiaries

## Support for Local Youth

Including school awards, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Christmas Bureau, Exeter Venturers, Jessica's House, Winterfest, Hospital Gala

## Optimist Junior Golf Tournament

Providing opportunities in golf to many local youth



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## 2014 - Construction of Exeter Splash Zone – Splash Pad, Pavilion and Playground

- \$300,000 raised through the ECDF, grants, in-kind donations and sponsorship by community groups, businesses, families and individuals
- Worked with municipal staff and other community partners on all aspects of the project
- Tremendous usage by residents, visitors, Exeter Playground, schools and childcare providers



# CURRENT PROJECT

## 2018 – Splash Pad Accessible Washroom and Exeter Outdoor Pool Project

- Partnered with the MOSH to raise funds for the washroom building at the Exeter Splash Zone
- Provided support on the outdoor pool steering committee
- Financial contributions included \$35000 in secured community grants as well as a \$10000 donation from our club
- Raised funds through donations to have logos printed on the armour stones at the newly renovated outdoor pool





# REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

- Agreement with the Grand Bend Community Fund is set to expire at the end of 2018
- Our plan is to donate money toward a feature for the new pool, which may include a shade structure and a play feature, in Summer 2019
- We want to work with the pool and MOSH staff to choose something that meets the needs of pool users
- We are requesting to have the agreement with the GBCF extended to August 2019 so we can provide the appropriate documentation on how the money was spent



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!