

To: South Huron Council

From: South Huron Barn Quilt Trail Committee, a working committee under the South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee.

Re: Installation of Barn Quilts on Municipal Property

It has been proposed that several locations within the boundaries of South Huron would make excellent locations for Barn Quilts, to complement our trail (24 participants – so far!) which has been under development over the past year, and is now in the stages of developing a Trail Map/Guide. Discussion has taken place with parties involved in each of the locations.

We are requesting permission from South Huron Council to erect Barn Quilts on the following properties:

1. PUC building by the dam near MacNaughton Park that is currently used for storage. This location would be visible from Hwy 4, and would draw visitors into the park area on their tour of South Huron. It is proposed that the design for this quilt block would be 8x8' in size (standard specs as per Ontario Barn Quilt Trail). There are two possible ways of mounting the block: preferred is to mount it directly to the brick building, in the top left corner, which faces Main St. This has been done in Parkhill and Ailsa Craig on municipal structures. The other way is to mount it on 6"x6" posts near the building. This Barn Quilt would be created through a partnership with the Exeter Playground staff and participants, with assistance from this committee. A design has been developed which reflects the heritage of Exeter and area.
2. Dashwood Community Centre. As several other parks in the municipality (Thames Rd/Elimville, Kirkton, and (proposed, as above) MacNaughton Park) have become involved in the trail, this location in the western area of the municipality would highlight another community park area. It is suggested that the design for this quilt block would be 4x4', and that there be two such blocks. There are two possible ways of mounting the block: preferred is to mount it directly to the building, location to be decided; the other way is to mount it in/near the gardens. This Barn Quilt(s) would be created through a partnership with the Dashwood Community Centre Board and local volunteers.
3. Olde Town Hall, which houses municipal offices and the Exeter Branch of the Huron County Library. Jenni Boles, Branch Manager, has been a keen supporter of the Barn Quilt project and explained her reasons for exhibiting a Barn Quilt on/near the Town Hall this way: "Exeter is the southern entry point to Huron County with Hwy 4 being a major corridor route. Having a quilt on display at the center of town will draw the attention of tourists and residents alike and alert them that the library and town hall have maps and information about other quilts located throughout the area." It is proposed that the design for this quilt block would be either 6x6', and mounted on the tower of the Town Hall that fronts on Main St. (either north or south facing), or one or possibly two 4x4's that would be mounted on the side where the library fronts Sanders St. The other option is to locate one 4x4' block in one of the garden areas, or to replace the notice board on the library portion of the building that fronts on to the courtyard area on Main St. This Barn Quilt(s) would be created through a partnership with the staff and volunteers of Exeter branch library.

Respectfully submitted by:

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