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Town of Shelburne

To the Mayor, and Fellow Councillors

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RE: Pickin in the Park, 2024

The 14th Pickin in the Park has again been a successful event. Visitors travelled from Sudbury, Fort Erie, Lindsay, and Blenheim, with International visitors from Holland, and Australia! These folks left thousands of dollars in our community, while enjoying the weekend of music, fellowship, and camping!

The organizers would like to extend a huge "Thanks" to Brad, and the Works Dept. for their assistance with park maintenance. The new concrete floor was well received, and appreciated by all who attended. Our commitment of \$ 40,000 to assist with the cost has recently been paid in full.

The volunteers of Pickin in the Park continue to provide a fun, family event for our community, and visitors, and to raise funds for re-investment back into FiddlePark, and community. At the Sunday morning gospel hour a free-will offering was collected, and a donation of \$1000 was made to the Shelburne Foodbank!

Two concerns that the volunteers have discussed, and feel the Town needs to address.

- After making a "911" call, we have discovered that clarification of Fiddlepark's Emergency Address needs to be completed. Our experience calling 911 proved to be interesting and frustrating! Poor phone service did not help, and after giving "515677 Cty Rd 11" only to be told "that address does not exist, we ended up giving the physical address as "the intersection of Hwy 124, and Hwy 89, 1/4 mile south". NOTE - Visitors to the park would not have known this information. Proper signage throughout the park is also needed, once clarification in completed.

- Poor lighting throughout the park is a concern for the safety of walkers, and all visitors to the park.

We would like to continue supporting the development of the park and wonder what steps could/should be taken to establish a better Fiddlepark. We do have some thoughts - Inner roofing to deter birds from nesting, trees for shade and the birds, and playground equipment. Where do we go from here?

Greg & Heather Holmes, and the Volunteers of Pickin in the Park