



## Community Services Staff Report

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REPORT NO: CS-2026-11  
TO: Council on April 27, 2026  
SUBMITTED BY: Chris Catania, Director of Community Services  
PREPARED BY: Cody Eby, Manager of Parks and Facilities  
REVIEWED BY: Jeff Willmer, Chief Administrative Officer  
DATE: March 25, 2026  
SUBJECT: Renewal of Agreement with Garden Wilmot

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### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report CS-2026-11 Renewal of Agreement with Garden Wilmot be received for information; and,

THAT Council direct staff to present a By-Law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a five-year agreement between the Township of Wilmot and Garden Wilmot (Wilmot Horticultural Society), as attached to Report CS-2026-11.

### SUMMARY:

The attached agreement outlines the terms of the partnership between the Township and Garden Wilmot (formerly the Wilmot Horticultural Society) and is intended to be in force for a period of five years.

### BACKGROUND:

The Township of Wilmot has benefitted from a strong working relationship and partnership with Garden Wilmot for many years. The volunteers working under the umbrella of Garden Wilmot provide many benefits to the community including civic beautification, care and maintenance of Township gardens, as well as tree planting initiatives through the committee of Let's Tree Wilmot.

Blending education, social responsibility and environmental stewardship to teach residents of Wilmot about the critical role native plants, gardens, and green spaces provide in creating healthy, livable communities, Garden Wilmot has and continues to be a tentpole community-based collective that has provided countless hours, experience, support and care to the Township's many horticultural initiatives.

### REPORT:

The work of Garden Wilmot is governed by an agreement which had expired. Staff first met with representatives of Garden Wilmot to update the agreement, and once all terms within the document were agreed upon between the parties, it was reviewed by the Municipal Solicitor.

Within the agreement, specific roles and responsibilities of Township staff and volunteers of Garden Wilmot and its sub-committees (Let's Tree Wilmot) are clearly defined. This will facilitate a continued strong partnership between the Township and Garden Wilmot. The addition of the Let's Tree Wilmot initiative will ensure volunteers continue to be protected through the Garden Wilmot insurance policy, while continuing to support the various annual tree projects.

ALIGNMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT STRATEGIC PLAN:

Healthy Community

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Garden Wilmot Agreement (2026)