

Baysville Horticultural Society

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*August 5, 2008**Dear Mayor Peake & Councilors:**We are writing this letter as a result of our recent meeting with councilor Margaret Casey.**The Baysville Horticultural society has planned and maintained the gardens in Centennial Park and the Gris Mill Park since the 1960's. The park was entrusted to the society to maintain.**Monies raised by our society have covered the cost of plants, trees, soil and fertilizers. Countless hours of volunteer labor have been donated by members.**Over the past 12 years we have spent \$ 28,221.45 in our parks. Creating new beds, changing designs, and planning annual color schemes have been challenges we've met. Last year two trees needed removal and a letter was sent for permission to remove them. We have taken our commitment seriously.**We have been advised that the township is implementing new policies that would lead us to believe we would simply be caretakers. Planning will be solely undertaken by the parks committee with strict guidelines..**Under these conditions, we need to clarify our position in order to determine whether we will continue gardening in the parks.**We look forward to receiving clarification in this matter.**Sincerely,*
*June McDonald**June McDonald**President, Baysville Horticultural Society**X.C. - Don, Yvonne, Michelle.*