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Sydenham Women's Institute
c/o Connie Selle, President
Sydenham, On

June 22nd, 2019

Dear Members of the Sydenham Women's Institute,

On behalf of Council and the entire Township of South Frontenac, it is with great pleasure that we congratulate you on the Centennial Anniversary of the Sydenham Branch of the Women's Institute.

For a hundred years, the Sydenham Women's Institute has played an integral role in this community. The strong women of this group spent their days after World War I providing extra treats and aid to disabled Veterans and teaching home courses in nursing, nutrition, and cooking. Your kindness continued during the Depression years by supplying toys, candy, clothing and quilts to many children in need. The Women's Institute looked after their community once again during World War II when they donated funds to assist in the furnishing of a Canadian Hospital in England. The homemade socks you knitted for those overseas went a long way in making Canadians feel at home.

In addition to the many contributions you made to your fellow residents over the last century, you have also had a huge impact on the municipal workings in this area as well. Your first project in 1919 saw four dozen chairs donated to town hall. Decades later your group introduced a local recreation committee which provided this community with Water Safety programs and swimming lessons, as well as the beautiful park we call "The Point." Without the actions of the Sydenham Women's Institute, the landscape of our municipality would not be the same.

Once again, congratulations on celebrating your 100th Anniversary, and I offer my best wishes to my friends at the Sydenham Women's Institute. It is my hope that you continue to grow and offer unique opportunities for local women to get together and learn new things.

Thank you for your commitment to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Vandewal".

Mayor Ron Vandewal



Congratulations



Sydenham Women's Institute



on your



100th Anniversary



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Best Wishes on this Special Occasion.



*Scott Reid, MP
Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston*

