



## Old Town Hall Committee Minutes

Date: June 25, 2024

Time: 3:00 pm

Present Taraesa Tellier, Chair  
Mona Blain, Vice-Chair  
Norma McPhail  
Michelle Navackas  
Angela Foreman-Bobier  
Trin Hill

Regrets Magda Badura, CAO/Treasurer  
Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations and Community Services  
James Voros

Staff Present Terri Towstiuc, Recording Secretary

### 1. Call to Order

Taraesa Tellier, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.

### 2. Adoption of Agenda

**Moved By** Michelle Navackas

**Seconded By** Norma McPhail

That the Old Town Hall Committee hereby adopt the agenda of June 25, 2024, as presented.

**Carried**

### 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed.

### 4. Adoption of Minutes

**Moved By** Mona Blain, Vice-Chair

**Seconded By** Michelle Navackas

That the Old Town Hall Committee hereby adopt the minutes of June 4, 2024, as presented.

**Carried**

**5. Business Arising from Minutes**

To be discussed in 6. New Business

**6. New Business**

**6.1 Welcome to the New Committee Members**

New members, Angela Foreman-Bobier, James Voros and Trin Hill, appointed by Council and joined the committee. Committee member J. Voros was unable to attend the meeting.

**6.1.1 Open discussion & questions from new members**

Questions from new members:

- If the concept plans are altered, can the existing grant be altered?
- Will the concept be duplicating services and facilities already offered in the municipality?
- Is the Economic Development Committee linked to the proposed project?
- What is the Revenue plan?

Items of Discussion:

- Creation of a Not-for-profit organization to run the facility, with a full-time staff member. This will create revenue to pay back the municipality of any potential funds borrowed.
- This will be like the Covent Garden Market or Centennial Hall in London. Councillor Navackas will continue to seek details for this.
- How to we create a non-profit agreement? How was Heritage Homes created?
- Health Centre to use space in the facility.
- Showcase museum exhibits and Indigenous History.

- Multi-purpose space for arts, music and culture. Dance classes, wedding, community space, music & art classes.
- Sub-committee for fundraising.
- Grant options - Rural Economic grant or Canada Cultural Spaces.
- Need for a vision and mission first.
- Certified kitchen, hall rental, theatre/music, sound, lights, flooring (dance lessons) sloped floors, risers/chairs, cooking lessons, teen and men's cooking classes (health center).
- Accessibility grant for the elevator and ramp for stage, for full inclusivity.
- Corporation matching.
- Possible option for a food bank.
- Basement not included in grant received - 5-to-10-year project.
- \$25,000 funding from the Funeral Home for the washroom, being held in a fund with the Municipality.
- Committee to focus on the mission and vision, what grants are available now, and to plan and hold a stakeholder meeting in September (Fall 2024) and invite all potential stakeholders for the project.

## **6.2 Clerks Report Presented to Council, June 13, 2024**

After discussion, Council passed the following recommendation:

*That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuic, Clerk Re: Old Town Hall Options; And*

*That Council remain status quo, and request staff to bring options forward to pursue a non-profit, board of management for the Old Town Hall, at a future meeting if council.*

## **6.3 Non-profit organization discussion**

**7. Other Items Requiring Discussion**

Michelle Navackas advised that the Economic Development Committee was successful in obtaining a grant of up to \$150,000 for a "Roots and Revival" festival. This was initially going to be held during blueberry season, but with timing, it will be a fall festival. This will showcase local music, arts and culture during a week-long event.

**8. Adjournment**

That the Old Town Hall Committee hereby adjourn at 3:57 pm, to meet again at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 16th, or at the call of the Chair.

**Carried**

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Taraesa Tellier, Chair

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Terri Towstiuc, Recording Secretary