



Municipality of West Elgin
22413 Hoskins Line,
Rodney, ON
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c/o Mayor McPhail

Dear Mayor McPhail and Members of West Elgin Council,

On behalf of Elgin County Council, I am writing to indicate Council's support, in principle, of the Corporation of West Elgin's application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation Stream.

As the upper-tier government responsible for the provision of library services throughout Elgin County in facilities provided by lower-tier governments, we are thrilled to play a key role in this exciting project as your anchor tenants. The Rodney Library has served as a vital community resource in West Elgin for many years. The activities, services and programs offered through the library strengthen the community and your plan to repurpose this facility indicates that both West Elgin and the County of Elgin recognize the need for a library space that aligns with growing community demand.

Providing library and cultural services in the unique and treasured former Community Hall will undoubtedly enhance the vibrancy of the neighbourhood and provide additional opportunities for civic and cultural engagement. The proposed renovation offers dynamic and flexible space for a wide range of services that will align ideas, people and resources around a shared vision and endeavour to realize the Community's creative and cultural potential.

With additional space, library and cultural services enhancements include additional programming, flexible community mixed-use space and interactive creative, historic and art spaces. Our work to promote the understanding, appreciation, conservation and enjoyment of library, culture and the arts would be enhanced through this project.

The Rodney Library is a booming hub in the rural community of Rodney - with over 10,000 visitors per year. Enhancing the overall footprint of this space is an essential step in supporting and strengthening your rural community and we share in West Elgin's enthusiasm for this project and offer encouragement as you envision the future of this landmark space with your community.

Yours Very Truly,

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cc. West Elgin Council - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation Stream Application

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