



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 Towstiuć, 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

Taraesa Tellier, Chair

Terri Towstiuc, Recording Secretary