



## Old Town Hall Committee Minutes

Date: July 23, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

Present Taraesa Tellier, Chair  
Norma McPhail  
Angela Foreman-Bobier  
James Voros

Regrets Mona Blain, Vice-Chair  
Michelle Navackas  
Trin Hill

Staff Present Terri Towstiuc, Recording Secretary  
Magda Badura, CAO/Treasurer  
Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations and Community Services

### 1. Call to Order

Taraesa Tellier, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:11pm

### 2. Adoption of Agenda

**Moved By** Angela Foreman-Bobier

**Seconded By** James Voros

That the Old Town Hall Committee hereby adopt the agenda of July 23, 2024, as presented.

**Carried**

### 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

### 4. Adoption of Minutes

**Moved By** Norma McPhail

**Seconded By** Angela Foreman-Bobier

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

**Carried**

**5. Discussion from Previous Minutes**

None.

**6. Letter sent to County of Elgin Re: Rodney Library Re-Commitment**

M. Badura, CAO/Treasurer advised that the letters have been deferred in principle to County of Elgin staff, to bring a recommendation report forth to County Council for consideration. It was recommended that the Old Town Hall Committee continue with plans and keep moving forward with the project. Elgin County committed to assessing the library needs within West Elgin and providing the details to Council.

**7. Presentation - M. Badura**

M. Badura provided a detailed presentation to the committee, which included a cost estimate of \$7,000,000 to complete the renovation of the Old Town Hall, Rodney. A request was made the Ministry to extend the project deadline by 2 years, and request if modifications were allowed to the concept plans. A response has not been received yet.

Due to lack of municipal funds, Ms. Badura provided the committee with the option to borrow, with a sample loan of \$5,000,000, which would cost an additional interest (estimated) amount of interest of roughly \$3,000,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$10,000,000, if the committee wishes to borrow the remaining about, and is approved by council. The committee agreed that borrowing would not be a advisable option, and seeking grant opportunities will be required.

**8. New Business**

The group fundraising briefly and decided to hold off until a decision has been received by the County of Elgin. While fundraising efforts could be put into other municipal infrastructure if the project does not continue, the committee chose to hold for the time being.

Grants will continue to be investigated, and applied for when able (Canada Cultural Spaces, Accessibility). However, a contractor quote may be required for some grant applications, and concept plans may not be accepted. Engineered drawings will likely be required at that point as well, at a cost to the committee.

The next meeting will be at the call of the chair, pending information from the County of Elgin.

**9. Other Items Requiring Discussion**

Office Space for service clubs or potential stakeholders.

**10. Adjournment**

**Moved By** Angela Foreman-Bobier

**Seconded By** Norma McPhail

That the Old Town Hall Committee hereby adjourn at 7:50 pm, to meet again at the call of the Chair.

**Carried**

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Taraesa Tellier, Chair

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Terri Towstiuc, Recording Secretary