



MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Magda Badura, CAO/Treasurer
Date: 2021-12-02
Subject: Old Town Hall - Rodney

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from M. Badura, CAO/Treasurer re: Old Town Hall renovations and provide direction to staff in regards to L360 proposal and timeline of the project.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update with regards to the state of the Old Town Hall building and establish timeline for the project.

Background:

In 2018, staff submitted application for the renovation of the Old Town Hall as Council's vision was to convert the lower section of the building to a Library and repurpose the upper level to serve as public space for various community gatherings and events. The vision driving this project has dissipated over the past two years in response to changing circumstances related to COVID-19 pandemic and building material prices climbing at record year to date pace.

On July 6, 2021 Canada and Ontario announced the financial support for this project and provided us with the following allocation:

Federal Contribution: \$ 1,006,500
Provincial Contribution: \$ 838,666
Municipal Contribution: \$ 671,084

Old Town Hall building has been left uninhabited since September-2020 and now it decays at an incredible rate. Leaks in the roof cause additional damage to drywall, wood, metal and plaster that will ultimately compromise the structure and its integrity. There is a noticeable growth of plants, moss and fungi within the building.

It was Council's decision to save and preserve this historical building and a road map has been put in place in order to achieve this goal:

1. The cultural significance of the building has been determined,
2. The building's future purpose has been discovered.
3. Partners for the project have been established.
4. Funding have been secured

It is staff recommendation to initiate the process of conceptual drawings per L360 Architecture proposal attached in this report and present the project to West Elgin community for the purpose of feedback and recommendations

Financial Implications:

2022 Capital Budget deliberations

Policies/Legislation:

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Jana Nethercott