



Old Town Hall Committee Agenda

June 25, 2024

3:00 pm

Municipal Office Board Room
22413 Hoskins Line

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1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. Adoption of Minutes

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

5. Business Arising from Minutes

6. New Business

6.1 Welcome to the New Committee Members

Angela Foreman-Bobier, James Voros and Trin Hill.

6.1.1 Open discussion & questions from new members

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.

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6.3 Non-profit organization discussion

7. Other Items Requiring Discussion

8. Adjournment

That the Old Town Hall Committee hereby adjourn at _____pm, to meet again at _____pm on _____, or at the call of the Chair.



Old Town Hall Committee Minutes

Date: June 4, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

1. Call to Order

Secretary/Clerk Towstiuic called the meeting to order at 10:03am

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By Michelle Navackas

Seconded By Taraesa Tellier, Chair

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

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved By Mona Blain, Vice-Chair

Seconded By Norma McPhail

That the Old Town Hall Committee hereby adopt the minutes of May 7, 2024, and May 13, 2024, Open House, as presented. **Carried**

5. Business Arising from Minutes

To be discussed in 5. New Business.

6. New Business

6.1 Appoint Vice Chair

Previous Vice-Chair Pearson resigned from the committee, and Chair Blain resigned as Chair.

M. Blain nominated T. Tellier as Chair. T. Tellier accepted the position of Chair.

T. Tellier nominated M. Blain as Vice-Chair. M. Blain accepted the position of Vice-Chair.

6.2 Recap of the Open House

A round table discussion took place regarding the Open House meeting held on May 13, 2024, with a general consensus of positive feedback from the community. The community members that came forward have advised they support revitalization of the Town Hall, with more library programs, community programming and general opposition of more housing.

More discussion took place regarding the possibility of Board of Management to operate the building and future operations, with comparisons such as Covent Garden Market (London) and partnership with the City of London. The committee would like options presented to Council on June 13, 2024 at the Regular Meeting, to provide further direction to the committee.

Councillor Navackas requested a report be brought to Council for June 13, to obtain direction from Council for the Old Town Hall, requested three (3) options be presented:

1. Continue with Municipally run facility with the Old Town Hall Committee continuing "Status Quo".
2. Sell the building
3. Create a Board of Management for the Old Town Hall, comparable to the Port Glasgow Yacht Club or Rodney Fair Board.

The committee will meet again on June 18, following the Council meeting, to discuss the route Council will choose.

6.3 New Items from the Committee

No further items.

7. Adjournment

Moved By Norma McPhail

Seconded By Michelle Navackas

That the Old Town Hall Committee hereby adjourn at 10:31 am, to meet again at 10:00 am on June 18, 2024, or at the call of the Chair. **Carried**



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Terri Towstiuc, Clerk
Date: 2024-06-13
Subject: Old Town Hall Options

Recommendation:

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

That Council approve option:

Option 1: Remain “Status Quo”, directing the Old Town Hall Committee to continue pursuing avenues to increase funding for the revitalization of the building.

Option 2: That Council direct the Clerk to proceed with implementing the procedures prescribed in By-law 2019-14 being a By-law to Adopt and Maintain a Policy with Respect to the Sale and Other Disposition of Land Owned by the Municipality of West Elgin, beginning at the next regular meeting of Council.

Option 3: direct staff to initiate the formal process to create a Board of Management for the Old Town Hall.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with options to determine the future of the Old Town Hall Building, 217 Furnival Road, Rodney.

Background:

At the Old Town Hall Committee meeting on June 4, Councillor Navackas requested a report be provided to Council regarding the options for the future of the Old Town Hall building, located in downtown Rodney. Currently, the building needs significant repairs to just be brought back to code (Building Code), and a revitalization has been estimated at \$5,000,000. A Municipal renovation must adhere to full AODA regulations, to allow full access to all patrons.

The committee held an Open House on May 13, with invitations extended to all community members, to provide their feedback regarding the building. It was noted that the community members that attended would like to see the building remain, with the result being a community hub, for all to enjoy. Ideas included a bigger library, community art space, theater, and licensed kitchen.

Council has options, to determine the future of this Old Town Hall;

1. Remain “Status Quo” with the committee, with the idea to continue the current revitalization proposal, which requires additional funding of at least \$2,500,000 (which is in addition to the previous grants obtained for the project). Staff and committee members will continue to search for additional grants, if available, however additional provincial or federal funding is unlikely due to previously receiving a grant for this proposed project.
2. Sell the building at a fair market value with the possibility of losing a treasured building in the community.
3. Create a board of management (similar comparison would be the Port Glasgow Yacht Club or Rodney Fair Board). A Board would be able to obtain their own grant funding, fundraising opportunities and strategic direction.

Financial Implications:

Potential of \$2,500,000, in addition to the approximate \$2,500,000 previously received in Provincial and Federal grant funding.

Policies/Legislation:

N/A

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Infrastructure Improvement	Recreation	Economic Development	Community Engagement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin’s infrastructure to support long-term growth.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	<input type="checkbox"/> To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,

Terri Towstiuic
Clerk