



Closed Museum Committee Minutes

July 5, 2018

1:58 p.m.

Bruce Gallery

Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre, Southampton

Present: Warden Paul Eagleson
Councillors Janice Jackson (Chair), Anne Eadie, David Inglis, Milt McIver,
Mike Smith and Mitch Twolan

Staff: Kelley Coulter, Chief Administrative Officer
Darlene Batte, Deputy Clerk
Cathy McGirr, Museum Director

1. Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

2. Minutes

Moved by Councillor Anne Eadie
Seconded by Warden Paul Eagleson

That the minutes of the May 17, 2018 closed meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. 254 High Street, Southampton Property

The Museum Director, Ms. Cathy McGirr explained that as per the closed report on May 17, County Council was provided with a number of scenarios regarding the Museum expansion with and without the Applied Research Centre (Ontario Nuclear Institute) on the newly acquired property at 254 High Street.

The options have been included below for reference.

Option 1 - New build capital project, compression from the original plan by 15%: new area 16,110 sq.ft. vs. 18,935 sq.ft. reduction of archival storage original 5,950sq.ft. to 5,060sq.ft. (or by 890 sq.). Distance between new building and the house would only be 20 feet. Given the very close proximity,

the recommendation would be to proceed with a plan for demolition of the house.

Option 2 - New build capital project at the compression of 15% or 16,110 sq.ft. combined with Applied Research Centre on entire lot. Although the analysis continues, based on other Applied Research Centre's design, a reasonable expectation is 5,000 sq.ft per floor for a total of 15,000 sq.ft. with full public access to additional 1,860 sq.ft. by use of the community gallery space and classroom spaces and 104 seat theatre. With this option, removal of the house would be necessary to accommodate this option.

Option 3 - New build capital project at original size of 18,935 sq.ft. with no research centre. Removal of house would be necessary to accommodate this option and a park feature could be put in place.

Option 4 - New build capital project at original size of 18,935 sq. ft. attached to the Applied Research Centre on the entire lot. Square footage of the Applied Research Centre of 12,730 sq. ft. Removal of house would be necessary to accommodate this option.

The staff recommendation is that with Option 1 and a clearance of only 20 ft. that leaving the house would not be compatible for the neighbourhood or any future lot layout whether a parkette or to co-locate the applied research centre. This option also involves a reduction to the new Archive build by 15% which is not the preferred choice as it would significantly reduce the community space regardless of the addition/inclusion of the Applied Research Centre.

Through these estimates it is clear that the house will need to be removed from the site in order to accommodate any new build scenario. In order to provide transparency and seek meaningful dialogue with the public as we progress with public meetings staff are recommending that clarity around the County's intentions for the house be explicated stated. Proceeding with a demolition request for the house will enable us to clearly articulate our intentions which have been one of the main areas questioned through the public consultation.

Of equal importance is the fundraising and County Council and Museum Committee public declaration in support of the new archives. The new Development Officer will be in a position to focus efforts and start preparation and execution of a fundraising plan. As outlined in the Financial Feasibility Study securing funding from the County is vitally important to the overall success for our fundraising campaign. The plan outlined a 9-million-dollar scenario for investment from all levels of government. A contribution level of 2 million from the County which could be achieved with a \$400,000 annual commitment over 5 years, would enable us to have a solid base to secure additional funds through a variety of stakeholders as identified. With the Owen Sound Regional Hospital commitment completed in 2018 the \$200,000 allotted for 2018 could be diverted as a start to the Museum expansion project with an additional \$200,000 tax levy impact or less than half of 1%.

The following recommendation was put forward for consideration:

That the Museum Director be authorized to proceed with a demolition request for the existing structure at 254 High Street, Southampton, ON, and that; Council commit funding to the archival expansion project for a 5-year term of \$400,000 per annum in 2018 to be funded from the annual County Levy.

The CAO noted that a public information meeting was scheduled for the evening of July 5th at the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre related to this purchase and the proposed use of the property.

Deferred for further discussion on July 12, 2018.

4. **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Milt McIver

Seconded by Councillor Anne Eadie

That the meeting of the Museum Committee adjourn at 2:25 p.m.

Carried