

MINDEMOYA OLD SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY

JULY 31, 2019

MINDEMOYA COMMUNITY CENTRE

MINUTES

Attendance: Councillor Linda Farquhar, CAO/Clerk Ruth Frawley, Councillor Angela Johnston, Michel Lepage (Axiom), Hal Love, Janice McQuay, Dan Moody (Tulloch), Councillor Dale Scott, Councillor Steven Shaffer, Mayor Richard Stephens, Arik Theijsmeijer (FedNor), Councillor Al Tribinevicius, MOSRC Chairperson Ted Williamson and staff member Nancy Kinoshameg, 1 member of the press, 10 members of the public. Regrets: Sam Bondi. Absent: Joanne Smith

Meeting called to order at **10:00 a.m.** by MOSRC Chairperson Ted Williamson.

Michel Lepage (Axiom) provided a brief overview of his company and this role in the feasibility study as well as an overview of the past meeting and material presented.

Michel presented the results of the Needs Assessment Survey. There were 338 survey responses, 16% of the population. Those over 55 years would use the multi-use facility, those that were younger were either opposed to repurposing or would make limited use of the multi-use facility. The demographics and potential uses were presented. There were 18 respondents willing to be a tenant. However, only 3 provided contact information and had experience and a business plan making them potential tenants. The building revenue and operating costs were presented based on the potential tenants and multi-use purposes.

The Committee members and Council representatives had the opportunity to ask questions. The public was also permitted to ask questions. The Town of Mindemoya already has 2 fitness centres so having a third one would not make sense. The need for a hazardous substances survey was brought forward since this will be an additional cost above what the consultant has proposed. Parking needs are unknown without knowing the usage of the building. Public fundraising campaign could reduce the municipalities contribution to renovate.

The presentation information was provided in a booklet for committee members and Council representatives.

The next step would be to determine if those potential tenants were interested in the proposed lease rates. One issue to come out of the survey was the potential anchor tenant identified a Mental Health Addictions Centre in the building. Community support for this type of business in a public building would be needed.

The meeting was adjourned at **11:25 a.m.** by Janice McQuay.