

**MINDEMOYA OLD SCHOOL REPURPOSING COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 12, 2017
CENTRAL MANITOULIN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

Attendance: Councillor Alex Baran, Sam Bondi, Councillor Linda Farquhar, Hal Love, Jan McQuay, Joanne Smith, Mayor Richard Stephens, and Economic Development Officer, one member of the press, two general public members. Regrets: Chairperson Ted Williamson.

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Sam Bondi, who is Acting Chair for the meeting.

MOTION: Baran and Love

That the agenda be approved as presented...carried.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

MOTION: Love and Farquhar

To approve the minutes of November 14, 2017...carried.

Each committee member provided a verbal report on whom they consulted from the last meeting. Here is the outcome from each consultation:

Architectural Conservancy	They are able to do an intervention to protect a building They can be the authority to represent the building They can send a representative to meet with us They can provide support to us but there is no funding A little more research is needed on what they can do for us
Member of Provincial Parliament Michael Mantha	The next constituents' clinic in Mindemoya is Tuesday December 19, 1:00-2:00pm
Hugh McLaughlin	Nothing to tell us that we do not already know concerning his efficiency units
Nicole Wepler	Suggested to plan for things that are not offered elsewhere Grants could be available from LAMBAC, Trillium, and Service Ontario
Rural 60 Plus	This group has been in operation since the 1980s and bought an old school for \$1.00 They received lots of grants and do a lot of fundraising They pay \$2,000/month for operations and members pay \$10/yr Volunteers do much of the work
Service Ontario	There is a long list of grants on their website
Green Economy North	They advise on heating and insulation They are offering free consultation services to municipalities and will present to Property Committee tonight

	One goal is to have net zero buildings with funding available for upgrades on qualified buildings
Member of Parliament Carol Hughes	No response, look at next constituency clinic in Mindemoya
Seniors Active Living Centre	Deadline for grant application is very soon They do not fund capital only programming
Facebook page	Some ideas have come from here, such as low rental housing
LAMBAC	The General Manager was interested in a business incubator They have contacts with FEDNOR and Service Ontario who can come to next meeting
FEDNOR	No luck contacting Carolyn Lane Rock, who may actually be with NOHFC
NOHFC	Guidelines for funding are very specific and business-oriented, not really related to heritage
Manitoulin Transport	Willing to provide funding to help get things moving, total of \$50,000 at \$10,000/year upon application Application should outline specific things that need to get done to the building for repurposing
Manitoulin Health Centre	No interest in moving any new endeavor away from the MHC site

There was no shortage of ideas for programming or what could the building be used for, including: tourism, art gallery, daycare, efficiency units, culture and seniors center. Discussion focused on combining a community-based activity with some type of commercial space.

The building itself was discussed, including: possibility of hiring a professional to tell us the possible uses of such a building; and examining the cost of essential renovations to make use of the building. Some members were concerned that the use of the building should dictate what renovations are necessary, while other felt that essential renovations are needed before a use can be found. Public endorsement of any project should also be considered.

The next steps are:

- Look at statistical profile of Central Manitoulin (Alex)
- Compare to similar jurisdiction
- Begin to draft a diversified plan and include an income stream
- Need senior community input (Linda, Sam, Joanne, Jan-Mindemoya, Richard-Providence Bay)
- Invite LAMBAC with FEDNOR and Service Ontario (Hal)

Councillor Baran commented the meeting minutes and a short paragraph highlighting the discussion areas would suffice for the monthly progress report to FED Committee.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday January 9, 2018 at 1:00pm** in the Council Chambers.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m on a **motion by Richard Stephens.**