

KICK-OFF MEETING
MINDEMOYA OLD SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY
APRIL 4, 2019
CENTRAL MANITOULIN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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The invitees included Mindemoya Old School Repurposing Committee members, Council representatives, Municipal Staff and the Consultant Team (Tulloch and Axiom).

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

Meeting called to order at 10:07 a.m.

Mindemoya Old School Repurposing Committee (MOSRC) Chairperson Ted Williamson opened the meeting then turned the meeting over to Mayor Richard Stephens.

The Mayor shared a brief history of the building and assured the MORSC committee members that their input is integral into this process. Introductions were brief and the Consultant Team shared their background and role on the feasibility study.

Michel Lepage (Axiom) presented background information on the following:

- Northern Policy Institute Manitoulin District Population Projections
- Work Force Planning Bodies
- Manitoulin District Historical and Projected Population
- Census Data Manitoulin Island, Manitoulin District and Ontario
- Annual Average Daily Traffic Count
- Overview of Government Stakeholders
- Manitoulin-Sudbury District Service Board
- Repurposed Schools and Buildings
- Mindemoya School

This information was also provided in an information package booklet. The Consultant Team will provide copies to be shared with those not present.

Dan Moody (Tulloch) presented examples of repurposed buildings, mainly old schools.

The final portion of the presentation was a general discussion on potential use of the building. Everyone had the opportunity to speak. Discussion included: building code, by-law, financing and funding, main tenant options, need for seniors' services, other options including private-public-partnerships, and incorporating social and community needs. One of the main points expressed was that the municipality is not interested in competing with the private sector and

those options should not be explored. However, it was acknowledged that it is important to find a financially viable option to repurpose the building which may include some type of enterprise.

Several documents were shared with the Consultant Team during the discussion, including:

- A list of suggestion for the future use of the school, prepared by the Central Manitoulin Historical Society
- Manitoulin Better Living for Seniors, survey conducted in 2018
- A clipping from the Manitoulin Expositor on NEMI's Notice Board
- It was suggested that the quote for roofing also be sent to the Consultant Team.

The next steps include:

- Tulloch will provide fixed costs, regardless of use. Variable costs can only be determined once a use has been identified.
- Axiom will begin to conduct surveys and assessing community needs.

The MOSRC committee will meet at the next stage of the study, again with Council and the Consultant Team.

Staff was thanked for their work on this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. by Mayor Stephens.