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Hello Clerk's Department,

As you can see, I have already copied the members of Council, as I wanted them to be able to consider my points before Tuesday.

I would like to do a deputation on this topic but I will be late. I run Messy Church on the third Tuesday of the month (officially 5-7, including dinner) and the clean-up afterwards takes a while. I will likely be there shortly after 8 pm. I hope that I will be allowed to speak to this item.

My clumsy fingers accidentally hit send earlier (sorry for that partial email).

Re: June 17, 2025 Agenda Item # 9.4 Nobleton Community Hall Update

Dear Mayor Pellegrini and Councillors,

We, the Friends of the Nobleton Community Hall, received notification from Chris Fasciano, the Director of Community Services, that there would be an update on the Hall. We appreciated the notification as we would have missed the report.

We have met with Mr. Fasciano and he indicated that the Township would not be applying for any grants regarding the Nobleton Community Hall until the various studies have been completed: The Neighbourhood Block Plan and the Facilities Plan. We were offering to help complete the forms to get the various grants available, for accessibility, for heritage and for upgrading the furnace system.

These studies have not been completed.

The outside of the Nobleton Community Hall has needed attention for some time and yet the parking has not been done, the outdoor steps to the upper level have not been done. In short, the outside of the building looks neglected.

Much has been said about the lack of anyone or any organization using the Nobleton Community Hall, yet there is no mention that from September '24 to January '25, the Nobleton Community Hall was being used for the Junior A team for its meetings and for its laundry as the Zancor Centre's opening had to be delayed. Those Christmas times are prime times when people might have wanted to rent the facilities, but were not allowed to! Of course, if the price of rental is too high, then no one will want to rent the facilities. Organizations need to be encouraged to consider using the Hall.

The budget a few years ago mentioned that Nobleton is lacking in community space. This is still true. Why does the Township rent space for children's programming at St. Paul's church when the Nobleton Community Hall is available? Also the Hall is air conditioned, whereas the gym at St. Paul's is not.

From my perspective, it looks like this Community Hall is being treated differently from other facilities in the Township. Much money was spent in King City for the new King City Library and Seniors' Centre, on the Zancor Centre, on making a basement for an old wooden structured church at the Heritage Centre, on Laskay Hall. Much money was spent in Schomberg on the Schomberg Community Hall.

Who is behind this numbered company? Is this a developer?

I urge the Council to postpone making a decision about the Hall until the required studies are completed. If, at that time, Council decides that it should get rid of community space, then Council should authorize a real estate agent to advertise this building. I disagree with private arrangements. I disagree with having the Director of Community Services acting as a real estate agent. Everyone should have equal access to the knowledge that a building is available for use as a restaurant and bar (if that is what Council decides). People who do not use a real estate agent often accept a much lower offer than the market would provide.

Sincerely,

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