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Attn. Members of Council

Regarding - Report COM-2025-001

First off, why is the township entering into negotiations with a company while this building was not advertised for fair bidding?

Why is the director of community services acting as the “negotiator”? If the intention that the building will be leased out, real-estate should be doing the negotiating and not a staff member.

If there is going to be a zoning amendment to the site, then why is there not a statutory public meeting to do so, separate from this meeting?

Background? The Nobleton community hall is not used to its full potential, as a community space, but very well could be. Clearly the staff in charge of this facility are incapable of running and advertising such a facility. Therefore, the powers that be should be removed from looking after this facility as they are not competent in this field and cannot find a way to bring users into this beautiful building.

\$1.5 million in repairs/restoration? Where did the director pull that number from? There has been an ask, as to what depicts that number, but an answer to my knowledge as never been communicated to the community. The community needs to know what will be done that will cost \$1.5M.

I recall the dollar figure to renovate and make the Schomberg community hall Accessible was in the neighbourhood of \$1M. And that included moving floors! The Nobleton hall needs to be brought up to accessibility standards, some maintenance and some minor face lifts (ie the washrooms). The community needs to have a breakdown of the cost.

Rather than the Township deciding what goes on with this facility, hand it over to the community. It is a much needed space.

Let’s think back to the Schomberg Agricultural Arena. Built by the Ag community, for the community, and now it’s a garage for lawn tractors? That is a perfect example of a community building and land, that the Township decided the future for, which did not take into account the opinions of the community members. I remember back to a comment made by the Director of Parks and Rec, Now Community Services, Aprox. 10 years ago or more, that the front section of the Schomberg Ag Arena was falling off the main arena building. Guess what, the building is still there! So council, tell me, how does one have faith in a report written by this very department that has stated such things in the past. It really makes one think twice that’s for sure.

The community was quite clear, when this hall was saved from its demise, that it should continue to be used as a community space. It was built by the community, for the community, and should remain as a community space!

There is a group of individuals, that would be more than happy to look after this community hall and make it a viable spot in the community again! I would be happy to discuss further.

By entering into a long term lease with such an entity such as a restaurant or pub, would be an irresponsible decision by council. Considering a report by staff and not considering those opinions of residents, who are shareholders in this building is disrespectful. Staff work for Council, not be pushed into something that the community is not totally sold on.

Thank you for your consideration,

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