

What? When? Cost?

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tice would continue to occupy its 8817 sq. ft. which is approximately one-third of the available building floor space. A redesign of remaining space would result in a net gain of 264 sq. ft. which could support existing municipal functions. The cost of renovations would be \$3.0 million (2010 dollars).

2. **Option "B"** assumes NS Justice would relocate to another facility leaving the entire building for municipal operations (28,200 sq. ft.). This would provide sufficient room for staff growth over the next 20 - 25 years and carry a cost of not less than \$3.82 million (2010 dollars).

3. **Option "C"** involves the construction of a new building which was estimated to be between \$5.7 to \$7.1 million (2010 dollars @ \$200 to \$250/sq. ft.). The cost does not account for land purchases, demolition or sale of the Municipal Building or site servicing.

In a draft report prepared by staff, it was recommended Option "B" be further explored and developed. This was in part due to the fact the Municipal Building is designated both a municipal and provincial heritage property and holds significant architectural, cultural, and heritage value which ought to be preserved. An excerpt from Canada's Historic Places reveals

"Colchester County Courthouse is valued for its grand Georgian Revival architecture, a style commonly used for public buildings at the turn of the century, but unique in the Truro region. It is also valued as one of the final few buildings designed by James Charles Dumaresq (1840-1906) of Halifax and Saint John who died only three years after its completion. Dumaresq was a prominent and prolific architect who successfully merged in his designs new building materials and techniques with the predominant architectural fashions of the day. Other examples in Truro of his public architecture have not survived."

For several years, senior staff have been in discussions with NS Justice regarding their plans for future use of space in the Municipal Building. The Department has recently committed to shared space arrangements with the Municipality on the second floor. Rob Simonds, CAO reported to council on October 14th, Department of Justice has just signed a 7 year lease with renewal option for an additional 7 years.

The building is in immediate need of repairs, which must be undertaken as soon as possible. The roof is leaking; windows need replacing, and some pieces of exterior mortar often fall to the ground. Council stated things causing safety concerned must be corrected and recog-

nized roof repairs and window replacement are part of ongoing maintenance, even though they are expensive.

There are also several maintenance initiatives, namely to the building exterior that could be undertaken immediately. Window, door and roof replacement require urgent attention and will assist in achieving better energy efficiency, addressing safety and improving building comfort. Staff believe there is sufficient funds in the capital reserve to undertake this work as soon as possible.

Public Works applied for and received a \$100,000 grant from the federal government to help fund accessible washrooms in the building. The grant carries no conditions (ie. no matching contributions) other than a commitment to complete the project within 2 years.

There was lively discussion following Smith's presentation on the Action Item. Councillor Parker: No value in keeping this building for long term. New Building would capture a lot of listed advantages. Security will become a much larger issue. Money better spent on determining what a new building would cost. I feel the current building, even though it is a nice and historic one, it has to go.

Councillor Cooper asked "Have we ever checked to see what this building would be worth?"

Mayor Blair countered saying I disagree with previous speak-

ers. This is a heritage building. We need to proceed with Options 1, 2 & 3. Roof, windows, washrooms, masonry droppings need immediate attention. Can be done to be energy efficient. This is history and a central location. She put for a Motion as recommended by staff which was seconded by Councilor Benoit which stated: "That Council Committee recommend Council approve undertaking an updated functional Study and feasibility analysis for the Municipal Building and a detailed design process for accessible washrooms and elevator, as well as procurement process for window/door replacement, and masonry restoration, which shall

be funded through the Municipal Building Capital Reserve; and, That a space programming process for a new Municipal Building also be explored." Motion DEFEATED. (Councillors Boutillier, Sandeson, Cooper, Johnson, Patton, and Parker opposed)

A new motion moved by Councillor Parker and seconded by Councillor Patton stated: "That Council Committee recommend Council approve undertaking a space programming process for a new Municipal Building." Carried unanimously.

To answer the opening questions: What? When? Cost?, some informal discussions were held with various members of the

Colchester team. What - will take a fair amount of time to determine whether to stay in the current building, find a way to expand, etc. When - It has been 11 years since the 2010 report. It will probably take at least another 7 to decide and 10 before completion, perhaps even longer stretching into the 15-20 year range. Cost - that is anyone's guess. With a 2010 report suggesting as much as \$7.1-Million for a new structure, the way CoVid-19 has affected construction costs and a shortage of materials and tradespeople it is conceivable a totally new structure could cost in the range of \$15-20-Million.

Foundational Documents Share Key Facts

The Commission uses Foundational Documents to share key facts and events leading up to and during the April 2020 mass casualty in Nova Scotia.

To date, the Commission has gathered and analyzed close to 40,000 pages of evidence and 230 video and audio files, in addition to information collected through the Commission's own investigations, witness interviews and site visits. The below list of the Commission's Foundational Documents is not exhaustive and there will be additional Foundational Documents developed during Phase 2 of the Commission's work exploring the issues in our mandate.

Location-based Foundational Documents:

Community Perspective in Portapique (April 18-19, 2020); First Responders in Portapique (April 18-19, 2020); Perimeter Containment in Portapique (April 18-19, 2020); Ventura Drive, Debert (overnight April 19, 2020); Hunter Road, Wentworth (April 19, 2020); Wentworth (April 19, 2020); Glenholme, Highway 4 (April 19, 2020); Plains Road, Debert (April 19, 2020); Onslow Fire Hall, Onslow (April 19, 2020); Shubenacadie Cloverleaf (April 19, 2020); Highway 224, between Shubenacadie and Milford (April 19, 2020) and Enfield (April 19, 2020)

Topic-based Foundational Documents:

Truro Police Services involvement during


Events (April 18-19, 2020); Emergency Response Team Response (April 18-19, 2020); Mock Police Car (April 18-19, 2020); Air Support (April 18-19, 2020); Public Alerting (April 18-19, 2020) and RCMP Command Decisions (April 18-19, 2020)

We are now sharing with the Participants what we are learning (i.e. our Foundational Documents) and asking if they have further questions or if there are areas they feel need further investigation. Following this consultation process, the Foundational Documents will be shared with the public through hearings and online. This may prompt further questions and bring forward additional evidence. Foundational Documents and the sources referenced will be available on our website.

The Commission will welcome feedback on Foundational Documents even after they have been entered into evidence, and will be making updates to the documents as new information is received.

This factual record will form the basis for our work on understanding how and why the mass casualty happened, and to develop findings and recommendations to help protect Canadians in the future.

(see also 'An Update from the Mass Casualty Commissioners' on page 6)



MUNICIPALITY OF COLCHESTER
SPECIAL BY-ELECTION

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Guy Wheeler
Returning Officer
October 14, 2021

Tom TAGGART



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The building beside Masstown Petrocan
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