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Multi Use - Multi Generational Facilities Starting Point

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Dear Committee,

I would like our committee to initially start the ball rolling with regards to working towards the establishment of a new multi use-multi generational facility, located on the WE Thompson (WET) Site in Kincardine and a smaller facility in or around the village of Tiverton.

I would like to propose that we start off by ensuring we dovetail into the strategic plan of the Municipality, but if we get a head start now, at our first meeting, we can start to lay the groundwork, that is not affected by it.

This approach must be inclusive, rather than exclusive and must approach and address all of facets of our communities.

We must start somewhere with this and I believe that this will grow as the idea takes root and from it will spawn another committee, which will become the master committee specifically for the new buildings.

It is my belief that we should look at all sorts of approaches to building these facilities, including, but not limited to public private partnerships, Municipal ownership, lease back arrangements etc. If we are innovative, we can do this together and with minimal cost and time to our taxpayers.

A high level plan I would propose, would roughly go like this:

1. Establish ownership of the WET Site.
2. We ask Council for the demolition of WET Site.
3. We start asking for Community people from the different facets to start thinking about what they would like to see. Produce a list of things. These would be high-level items, not the ground floor details. For example: a theatre, a daycare centre, a home for the Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band, Scougall gallery etc.
4. We put out in the media a call for expressions of interest to see if we would have any partners for this project. Partners at this point are defined as business partners.
5. When we get some returns, we ask for presentations on them to Council and the public. This will start to give us a feel for what we need to think about in detail.
6. I believe at this time (or perhaps even earlier) is where we would need to establish a proper committee to deal with the new builds specifically. I would really suggest that we keep it as one committee, I would not think it

right to split the communities by having two committees. I would also suggest that we ensure we have proven project drivers within this committee, to ensure the project moves ahead.

7. We as a community figure out and buy in what we believe is the correct approaches to these facilities.
8. We bring this back to Council for ratification to move forward with trying to work out a financial arrangement, business plan, project timeline and any contracts required.
9. If Council ratifies the go forward approach, we move forward with establishing agreements etc.
10. The committee works out all the details. We will all have to give and move towards the centre here, so that we can get these facilities built.
11. Back to Council and partners for ratification and sign off on the project.
12. Build the facility.
13. Occupy the facility.
14. Tear down 707 Queen St.
15. Replace part of 707 Queen St's footprint with a concrete pad that has the entire complete infrastructure to allow establishment of temporary facilities, such as a tent, soundstage etc. This would allow a wonderful; view of the lake from the top of Victoria Park.

I hope this would be a starting point for the community to finally get behind the soft services we need to provide, allowing our community to prosper and grow in the future.

Yours Faithfully,

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