

February 24, 2022

Jörg Petersen
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Dear Mr. Petersen;

The Kawartha Lakes Municipal Heritage Committee would like to thank you for sharing the “thinking piece” concept site plan for the Old Gaol exterior space in Lindsay and discussing it with the Committee at its January meeting. After your presentation, the Committee decided to review the concept plan and discuss it at its next meeting.

The Committee is aware that this is a concept plan only and does not have allocated budget. However, should this or a similar plan be pursued in future, the Committee wanted to provide some comments on the draft plan for your consideration at this time:

Gates: The Committee is unsure regarding the retention of the gates in situ and the aesthetic and functional issues surrounding their retention in place. In particular, the Committee wants to ensure that any structure surrounding the gates is of an appropriate size and height, as the gates are very large. The Committee would also like to know that, if the gates are to be functional, that the space be accessible for all, and feels that these issues warrant further discussion.

Interpretation: The Committee feels strongly that there should be some sort of memorial or interpretive feature that discusses the history of the jail and recognizes the people who were residents of and died at the former jail. This should include the use of retained features from the walls. The Committee also feels that any interpretation should be able to be viewed from the public right of way so that it is not only accessible but can also be easily seen by passers-by.

Parking: The Committee is unsure regarding the creation of new parking in the centre of the block and is concerned that this parking may not be accessible for the needs of the museum. . The Committee feels that the placement and size of any new parking areas warrants additional discussion regarding needs and placement to ensure that parking is appropriately sized, accessibly located, and maintains as much greenspace as possible.

The Committee is appreciative of being including in these early stage discussions regarding the exterior space at the Old Gaol. We are looking forward to working with you in future on visioning and executing this new exterior space for one of our landmark heritage buildings in Lindsay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Athol Hart".

Athol Hart
Chair, Kawartha Lakes Municipal Heritage Committee