



Council Report

Report Number: CS2022-011
Meeting Date: September 27, 2022
Title: CS2022-011 – Bobcaygeon Boyd Building Status
Description: Provide an update on the status of the Bobcaygeon Boyd Building (Bobcaygeon Library) status and proposed next steps.
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Recommendation(s):

That Report **CS2022-011, Bobcaygeon Boyd Building Status**, be received for information.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

Currently the Bobcaygeon Service Centre is undergoing a significant expansion that will act as the future home of the Bobcaygeon Library Branch scheduled for Grand Re-Opening in mid to late October 2022. At the time of budget approval for this \$1.5 million project there was significant public consultation and City discussion with the CKL Public Library Board and it was determined and approved for the Bobcaygeon Library Branch to re-locate to the renovated and expanded Service Centre. This will leave a vacancy and surplus space at the existing location at the Bobcaygeon Boyd Building, home of the A. Sheila Boyd Foundation and Boyd Heritage Museum and the Bobcaygeon Chamber of Commerce.

This report is intended to provide an update on that facility to allow for future direction.

Rationale:

The intent of this report is to begin to formulate a direction for the disposal and future use of the Bobcaygeon Boyd Building. There is a long and strong partnership with the A. Sheila Boyd Foundation and the City of Kawartha Lakes regarding the shared ownership and use of the facility. It is a well used facility which acts as a community hub for the Village of Bobcaygeon and the goal and intent would be to find a solution that would allow that continued arrangement.

Informal talks have taken place between City staff and the A. Sheila Boyd Foundation regarding the potential for their Foundation to take full ownership of the facility and continue to offer community services out of it. They are very keen to do this which will see the continued use of a community hub heritage designated facility within Bobcaygeon that operates as a Museum, a Chamber of Commerce, Service Ontario centre and a Community Room potential for community use (old Library section).

There is some work required on the facility that the City was planning to complete (ie flooring, roof, doors). The City would propose to complete this work prior to and change in ownership. Also, the Foundation sees the continued existence of the Chamber of Commerce and Service Ontario as revenue generators which would assist and balance their budget for operations of the facility. The potential use (rent) by the community of the old Library space would also provide revenues for the Foundation. The annual average operational costs of the City portion of the facility is approximately \$23,000.

There is a letter of correspondence (Appendix A) on this Council agenda from the Foundation in relation to this potential and items concerning it, similar to what is detailed in this report, and indicating their agreement with this potential.

The Foundation is also requesting the City to provide a one-time operating grant to assist with the transition, provide insurance coverage for the facility and have an agreement on the future of the Boyd Heritage Museum. These are all items for future Council consideration.

Staff will work to bring together a finalized agreement for the disposal of this facility to the A. Sheila Boyd Foundation in 2023 for the new Council of Kawartha Lakes for consideration to allow for the continued community use of the Bobcaygeon Boyd Building.

Other Alternatives Considered:

There are no other alternatives being considered at this time as it is for information purposes only.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

This report aligns with the strategic priorities within the 2020-2023 Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan of:

1. An Exceptional Quality of Life
2. Good Government

The Strategic Plan is available on SharePoint at the following link:

[Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan 2020-2023](#)

Financial/Operation Impacts:

There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

Consultations:

A. Sheila Bound Foundation
Kawartha Lakes Library CEO

Attachments:

Appendix A: Letter from A. Sheila Boyd Foundation



Appendix A
CS2022-011.pdf

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