



NEWS RELEASE

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Town Council has been working with an architectural firm, a project manager, and the contracted engineering firm to complete construction drawings on the multi-use community building. At that time a third-party cost consultant was also contracted to ensure projected budgets were met. Upon investigation of these partial drawings and with building code changes and compliance concerns, the cost consultants assessed the project as over the current approved budget. As a result Council immediately put the project on hold until further due diligence could be done. The engineers and committee have looked at all possible cost saving measures, however with the increased budget and code requirements to bring this building into full compliance, it has been deemed not viable within the approved budget. Council has therefore cancelled the current renovation project. Council understands this is a difficult decision and has completed extensive investigation to come to this conclusion. Council is still committed to moving forward with new/updated facilities, however at this time no decisions have been made.

Council would like to thank the user groups for their feedback during this investigation time, and will continue to work with all partners to ensure all needs are met moving forward. Council would also like to thank the Project Manager and Administration for all the due diligence and investigative time taken on this project. While we are disappointed by the requirements that make this building unfeasible within budgets, the Town is looking for solutions that will meet the needs of the community groups/users while being fiscally responsible. We thank the community for their patience during this project investigation and moving forward.

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