



NEWS RELEASE

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MULTI-USE BUILDING PROJECT

Town Council has continued to work with the user groups regarding the Multi-use Building Project following the abandonment of the plan to retrofit the old elementary school. During the follow-up process with the relevant user groups, it has come to the attention of the Town that an alternative location may serve some of the user groups' functionality. Through discussions with the Livingstone Range School Division, it has come to light that the desired direction to proceed is with subdivision and construction of new daycare / playschool facilities located directly adjacent to West Meadow Elementary School. This assists with operations and is a desired course of action by the School Board and the Daycare and Playschool Boards. This type of project is being completed in neighboring municipalities with much success, and would be attributed to partnerships between the School Division and community groups. As this is conceptual at this time and no formal provincial approvals have been granted, we ask the community's patience and respect as the user groups work through this process. The Town will continue to work with these groups to ensure their desires and needs for their services continue within the Town.

The Multi-use Facility which includes Town Administration, 4-5 other groups, as well as community gathering / office spaces, will continue to be pursued for a new facility to be located at 5318 – 2 Street West as well. This will potentially be one Multi-use Building Project with construction of facilities at two locations. There will be a public proposal process as required by the Municipal Government Act when approvals have been received.

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 needs are met moving forward. We thank the community for their patience during this project investigation and moving forward. Council is committed to working with the user groups and listening to their ideas to ensure their programming enriches the community.

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