

WHHS Presentation to WHRM Council – July 9, 2024

Summary, three points:

- A. WHHS has been working for over 2 years with over 20 community, historical, cultural and interested parties with a stakeholder interest to develop interest and concepts for a Cultural Heritage Centre to be located next to the Ft. Edward National Historic Site.
- B. We have presented a Feasibility Study which identified the many historic, economic, and promotional opportunities and local citizen, business, and political interest and support in such a centre. We are now developing a fundraising plan to pay for an Interpretive Display Design which will take the project to the next stage: pre-construction.
- C. We request a commitment from WHRM that you will hold the specific municipally-owned land for this project as the foundation of our fund raising and further planning.

Therefore, we present the following motion for your consideration tonight.

- Whereas the West Hants Historical Society (the “Society”) has proposed the construction of a Cultural Heritage Centre in West Hants and more specifically in Windsor;
- Whereas the Society has conducted a Feasibility Study which identified many historic, economic, and promotional opportunities of such a Centre;
- Whereas the Feasibility Study also identified local interest and support for such a Centre;
- Whereas the Society has met for two years with over 20 community, cultural and heritage groups and interested parties with a stakeholder interest in the construction of the Centre;
- Whereas the Regional Municipality of West Hants owns the lands maintained for public use and identified as PID 45059797 adjacent to the Fort Edward National Historic Site;

Be it resolved that West Hants Municipal Council authorize administration to enter into an agreement with the West Hants Historical Society (and/or other non-profit society to be incorporated for this purpose) to hold the land adjacent to Fort Edward National Historic Site for the exclusive use of the Society to build the Pesikitk Cultural Heritage Centre. Such agreement to extend to December 31, 2029 or until otherwise terminated or renewed by mutual agreement.