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To: [Auger, Robert](#); [Nepszy, Chris](#); [Brown, Shelley](#)
Subject: Fwd: Old Schoolhouse in Colchester (195 Bagot St.)
Date: Sunday, January 10, 2021 1:18:55 PM

Robert I have spoken to Monica.

Please include her email Jan 18th

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Monica Bunde [REDACTED]
Date: January 9, 2021 at 11:21:46 AM EST
To: "Bondy, Sherry" <sbondy@essex.ca>
Subject: Re: Old Schoolhouse in Colchester (195 Bagot St.)

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yes sure...

Monica Bunde

On Saturday, January 9, 2021, 10:13:14 AM EST, Bondy, Sherry <sbondy@essex.ca>

wrote:

Hi Monica. Can I have someone from the Heritage committee and group reach out to you?

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On Jan 9, 2021, at 8:09 AM, Monica Bunde <monicabunde@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Good morning Sherry,

Yes, for sure, add it to the agenda.
I'm hoping to be at council on Monday 18th.

I was going to message you today to ask if there is a heritage committee within Harrow or Colchester?

I'll assume Essex as a whole has a heritage committee and that covers our area?

Having sat on the Amherstburg Heritage Committee for years I know if homes/buildings are not in the downtown core, or "important" areas or in the forefront of peoples minds (they see these properties daily), then they just get lost and forgotten about.

I do hope it can be saved and used (most importantly) going forward. That is the most important thing!

Thanks!
Monica

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 8, 2021, at 10:10 PM, Bondy, Sherry
<sbondy@essex.ca> wrote:

Hi Monica. Thank you for your email.

Can I ask the clerk to include this on the agenda?

It's a great email!

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On Jan 8, 2021, at 10:08 PM, Monica Bunde
[REDACTED] wrote:

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Hello Council Members,

I am a resident of Colchester (in the Village). I walk by the old schoolhouse everyday. I love it, the history, the beautiful park like setting, it's part of the community.

This email is to let you know that I'm against the property being sold to a select buyer. I don't think that is the right way to go about this. Was it even up for sale? Can the public just pick and choose town owned properties and bid on them? This will set a poor example for the future if approved.

My thoughts on what to do with the property:

1. Maintain and preserve it as is. **USE THE PROPERTY.** It just sits there. I realize right now we cannot do anything within the building/property, but in future we should be utilizing that space, for families, picnic, wine festivals, vendor festival, busker festivals, create a Colchester Market etc.
 - a. My first thought is to preserve it, because when it's gone it's gone!
 - b. Let the gardeners use it to grow a community garden (they can set up a market and sell produce, or make good will donations to food banks)
 - c. Along with the garden, in summer use part of it for parking (include parking fees to pay for some upkeep to the grounds)
 - d. Hold community events there (all of these ideas take sub-

committees/volunteers and work):

i. Christmas Market
(4-6 weeks prior to Christmas on weekends, include fees for local vendors to aid in upkeep of property)

ii. Spring/Summer Market every Fri./Sat./Sun. for a few morning hours inside/outside vendors (include fees for vendors to aid in upkeep of building/property)

iii. Winter Season (December, January, February) set up a light display, entice tourists, other communities to come visit, to see what Harrow/Colchester has to offer. Restaurants, wineries to sponsor light displays, donation to view, restaurants/vendors set up outdoor "Winter Market" on weekends

iv. During summer hold festivals (I understand this is a huge undertaking), but start small, get the community involved

2. Designate it a Heritage Building/Property – then this could never happen again.

a. If Colchester/Harrow wants to keep "old" buildings and a historical look and feel of the town/village it should be designated a Heritage Building/property and preserved (it must not be designated if this is happening and that is sad and well overdue).

Is the Marketing of our town and the wineries supposed to feel more modern; neon signs and big box houses/buildings OR is it a historic destination, a slower pace, relaxed wineries, sit have lunch, walk around town, quaint stores, walk around the marina, a place where families come together to celebrate together and relax. Then let's keep the

property and old schoolhouse building.

If the town doesn't care about the history and preservation, then it doesn't really matter, sell it. Why care about lit signage on County Rd. 50 when you don't care about an old building within a residential setting.

3. If it is to be sold (if the Town needs the money and if there is no other way around it) then it should be listed for other potential buyers to bid on. Like I said before can the public just pick and choose town owned properties and bid on them?

a. I don't think a row of Boutique Short Term Rentals or STR all in a row or in a group setting is the right way to go about this. Is this developer building 4-5 rentals? I would love to see the prints that this developer has in mind for these Boutique STR. Bringing additional visitors to our community is a good thing. They spend money, they eat at our restaurants and buy wine and go shopping. It just needs to be done right


b. If this developer just wants to build STR, I think there are other parcels of land that he could purchase for the purpose of a row or group STR

4. Another thought is to sever the parcel of land. Sell off a portion to build a couple homes for a developer (after it's gone public for all to bid on), and keep and preserve/designate the old Schoolhouse and some of the surrounding property/drive way.

Those are my thoughts/concerns.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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