

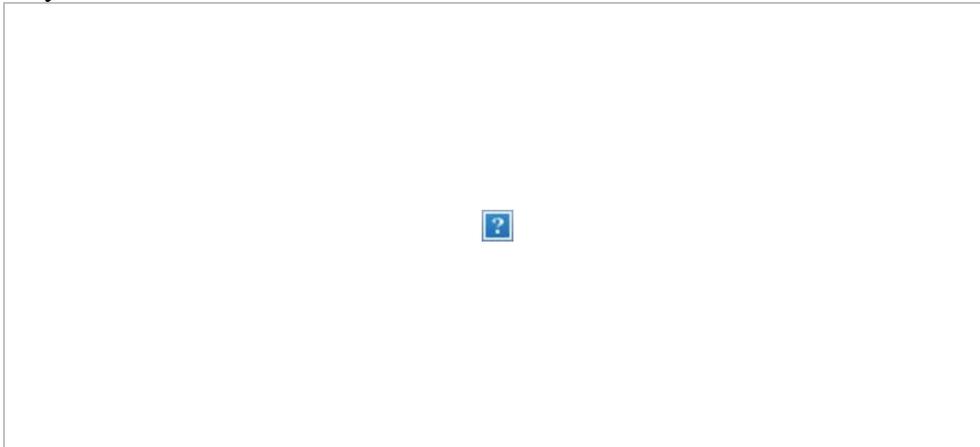
**From:** [Bondy, Sherry](#)  
**To:** [Auger, Robert](#); [Brown, Shelley](#); [Nepszy, Chris](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Declaration of Surplus Lands (195 Bagot Street)  
**Date:** Friday, January 8, 2021 6:23:53 PM

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Robert. I have talked to Perry.

Pls include his email on the Jan 18th public council meeting and confirm when time permits  
thank you

Sherry Bondy  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Perry Basden [REDACTED]  
**Date:** January 8, 2021 at 6:13:41 PM EST  
**To:** "Bondy, Sherry" <[sbondy@essex.ca](mailto:sbondy@essex.ca)>  
**Subject:** **Re: Declaration of Surplus Lands (195 Bagot Street)**

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Yes, Sherry. I was waiting until the agenda was set for the Council Meeting before registering as a delegation. Please feel free to include my name and email.

Thank you for all you are doing for the Town of Essex.

Best regards

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**From:** Bondy, Sherry <sbondy@essex.ca>  
**Sent:** January 8, 2021 6:00 PM  
**To:** Perry Basden [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Declaration of Surplus Lands (195 Bagot Street)

Thank you for your email regarding the Old School House in Colchester. Feedback from residents is vital to council making the correct decision for our community.

Can I ask the clerk to include your email as part of the public agenda January 18th? Also please make sure you watch the Dec 21st council meeting on You Tube - Essex Ontario. Follow the file Jan 18th on you tube as well.

Sherry Bondy

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**From:** Perry Basden [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 4, 2021 11:58 AM  
**To:** Bondy, Sherry <sbondy@essex.ca>  
**Subject:** Declaration of Surplus Lands (195 Bagot Street)

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**FYI - Sent to all members of Council individually.**

Dear Councillor Bondy:

I am very concerned regarding the Notice of Declaration of Surplus Lands for 195 Bagot Street of December 15, 2020. My concerns are not only directed toward the manner and timing that the Declaration was made but also that the Heritage Committee may not have been consulted in the process.

I voiced my concerns to Council at the December 21, 2020 meeting. I have also asked to be recognized as a delegation at the Special Heritage Committee Meeting to be held January 14, 2021.

Many of my concerns are outlined below:

The property is a listed Heritage property by the Town of Essex. The Heritage

Committee has taken five of the six steps toward having the property Registered with the Ontario Historical Society. The final step in the process is to form a Non-Profit Society as outline in Heritage Committee meetings.

A review of the minutes of Heritage Committee for the last several years indicates there has been interest in having the Registration completed in order to form a Non-profit group which may relieve the Town of Essex from some, if not all, of the cost burden for the structure and land. Should a Non-profit be formed, grants and other sources of revenue are available to the Non-profit that are not available to the Town of Essex.

I have been speaking with many Colchester residents who have voiced the opinion that many thought the Town of Essex was working toward preserving the property. As such, they were waiting to see what was planned by the Town of Essex and then lend support to efforts toward restoration.

As late as November 28, 2019, Councillor Steve Bjorkman indicated that he has spoken with two individuals who would be interested in starting a "Friends of the Colchester Schoolhouse" Society. However, there is no indication In the Heritage Committee minutes of any further action being taken.

The "Friends of the Colchester Schoolhouse" is listed as an agenda item of the Heritage Committee meetings as "Ongoing" with no further discussions regarding this item as can be noted in the Minutes of meetings held up to November 26, 2020.

In consultation with other interested Colchester and area residents, I am prepared to move forward with the formation and necessary filings with Ontario Historical Society for the formation of a "Friends of the Colchester Schoolhouse" as a Non-profit as has been outlined in many Historical Committee minutes.

I am asking for your support and assistance toward that end so that the Colchester Schoolhouse can remain a part of the history of Colchester and the surrounding areas and not fall into the hands by private sale to someone who may not wish to keep this historical gem in the public domain.

Best regards

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