



**TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

Chair: Mayor Emmerson

The regular meeting of Council was held at the municipal offices, on the above date and time. All members of Council were present.

INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS

There were no addendum items.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Smith
SECONDED by Councillor Bartley

- 1) THAT the agenda be confirmed as circulated, with one memorandum regarding funding, and one letter in support of the project;
- 2) AND THAT the procedural by-law be waived to allow the public to speak at a Council meeting.

CARRIED.

DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations from members of Council.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None at this time



JUNE 2007 PROJECT STATUS UPDATE FOR 19 CIVIC AVENUE AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED TO PROJECT TENDER PHASE (C10-LS & A19)

The Chief Administrative Officer gave a status report from the Program Implementation Committee on the renovation/restoration recommendations.

Charles Hazell, Project Architect, Taylor Hazell Architects Ltd.;
David Dautovich, Project Manager, D.C.I. International;
Brian Arnott, Business Consultant, Novita Interpares;
were in attendance and provided information on the history of the building, future plans and drawings.

The building plan is divided into four distinct Program Areas, which are designed to function together or individually and key features of each area are noted below.

PA 1: Lobby / Gallery

- Generous lobby for full scale events
- Supervision and service from an office/box office at the front entrance
- Space for refreshment bar and small cloakroom
- Wall space for gallery displays
- Opportunity for a Donor Wall or floor feature
- Will stand on its own as a venue for informal gatherings and gallery events.

PA 2: The Great Hall

- Major program space of facility
- Flexible: designed spatially and technically to be suitable for the greatest possible range of uses, from theatre to banquet, dance, recital, recording, and exhibition and day programs
- Technical facilities will include professional lighting and audio equipment for banquet, conference, theatrical, recital and concert use
- Space designed to have direct access to outside events allowing for uses that bridge inside and out, whether festival banquet or dance composition
- Supported by back of stage facilities including dressing room and kitchen
- Open control room with access from the second floor and including continuous galleries for staging purposes
- Great Hall is open to back of house and Memorial Park.

PA 3: Back-of-house / Parkside



- A small but specialized area providing back of house support to the Great Hall and a small outside terrace to the south
- Consists of a back stage passage assembly hall, dressing room, kitchen, storage lockers, mechanical room, storage room
- Kitchen support (warming/final preparation) for food oriented events
- Flexible space can be used as an extension of the Great Hall, as a servicing area for food, or as support to park related events to the south
- Can be used to service theatrical presentations oriented to the parking area to the south
- Loading dock relationship to the parking area
- Storage room and lockers.

PA 4: Second floor Meeting Room / Lobby and washrooms

- Most separate of program areas
- Enclosed meeting room (200 sq ft) suitable for meetings of 8 to 10 people.
- Supported by Foyer but can be used together to create larger area for informal gatherings
- Washrooms for groups up to 200 people
- Access to Control room / galleries and a 120 square foot balcony addressing the north court.

The following residents provided comments:

- Randy Mole
- Garth Bell
- Allison Peck
- Eric Button
- Joanna French
- Herb Bell

Comments related to:

- very pleased that this project is moving forward
- commend job well done by staff, consultants, architects, the public and their strong commitment to the project
- inclusion of a balcony an asset
- colour of the roof shingles (should not be black)



- flooring material needs to be a high quality and able to withstand the frequent moving of chairs
- concern with the acoustics and how it will affect the neighbours
- will the sound and lighting coming from the building be a distraction?
(there will be an in-house sound system so sound systems wouldn't be used that would be hard to manage the sound and acoustics. There will be management in the building to monitor sound levels. The lighting is low level and not flood lit.
- the BIA strongly support this project and the importance to the downtown area, as well as recognizing the importance of restoring older buildings
- will the building be restored in stages? (anticipate an eight month time period from beginning to completion, hopefully starting in September after final approval is received and funding in place).
- parking issue to be dealt with in consultation with area land owners and parking cells in Memorial Park
- school groups should be encouraged to hold movie nights to show older films and encourage seniors to attend
- theatre seating will be approximately 125 to 150 depending on event

MOVED by Councillor Hilton

SECONDED by Councillor Bartley

- 1) THAT the June 2007 Status Report regarding the restoration/ renovation project for 19 Civic Avenue be received as information;
- 2) AND THAT Council approve the Preferred Concept Plan (inclusive of lengthening the building by an additional five feet and the construction of a basement in the addition to the south of the building) for the renovation/rehabilitation of 19 Civic Avenue as presented in Attachment No. 1 of this report;
- 3) AND THAT Council approve the revised project cost estimate as outlined in this report. The increased costs reflect adjustments for additional storage and program support space;
- 4) AND THAT staff be directed to initiate the Project Tender Phase for the renovation/rehabilitation of 19 Civic Avenue including Pre



Qualification of General Contractors, preparation of detailed drawings and specifications, and the issuing of an invitational tender for the project.

CARRIED.

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

MOVED by Councillor Ferdinands
SECONDED by Councillor Hargrave

THAT Confirmatory By-law 2007-149-MS be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Bannon
SECONDED by Councillor Smith

THAT there being no further business the Council meeting be adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

CARRIED.

DATED at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville this day of , 2007.

Mayor

Clerk