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Closed Committee Report

To: Warden Paul Eagleson
Members of the Museum Committee

From: Cathy McGirr
Director, Museum & Cultural Services

Date: October 4, 2018

Re: Museum Expansion and Nuclear Innovation Institute Build

Recommendation:

The Museum Expansion and Nuclear Innovation Institute Build Report is for information.

Staff will move forward to present conceptual drawings for the combined Archives and Nuclear Innovation Institute Build at the fall public engagement session.

Background:

As per the closed report on July 12, County Council was provided with several scenarios regarding the Museum expansion with and without the Applied Research Centre (Ontario Nuclear Innovation Institute) on the newly acquired property at 254 High Street.

Since that time the work towards progressing the Nuclear Innovation Institute (NII) has advanced and we continue to work with Bruce Power to further define the physical footprint of the Museum expansion including the NII.

After several discussions with the selected architectural firm Reitch & Petch it has become apparent that in order to accommodate the physical needs of the space for both the Museum and the NII, benefit from the full utilization of a shared spaces model and incorporate considerations from the public regarding the aesthetics of the building it is clear that the original options provided have limitations and would not allow for the vision to be accomplished.



Approaching the building from a single build perspective rather than two distinct buildings allows for better utilization and flow of shared space, the necessary square footage for the Museum expansion, as well as, accommodating all functions for the NII (Innovation / Incubation / Skilled Trades Secretariat); while providing seamless integration of the new building with the existing footprint.

In the original options provided - Option 4 allowed for the Museum expansion at the original size of 18,935 sq.ft. with the NII at 12,730 sq.ft. with access to shared space at 2,190 sq. ft. (2 classrooms and Community Gallery) plus the theatre.

With the approach of a single build the Museum expansion still maintains the footprint required at 18,935 sq. ft., with most of the space fully accessible on one level which allows staff easier access of documents and monitoring of space.

The spatial analysis chart along with the blocking / stacking drawings (attached) identifies the square footage gained by combining the footprint in one build.

Whit Petch, Senior Principal with Reitch & Petch will review the conceptual drawings and recommendation for consideration.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

At this time there are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report. The financial impact of the drawings has already been approved in a previous report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Consultation has occurred with staff in the Office of the CAO.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

While the goals are not specifically related the item does relate too many of the overall Strategic Values: Innovative, skilled - High quality of life for all residents - A dynamic centre for economic development - Proud and vibrant.



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Museum Strategic Plan Alignment:

Strategic Pillars: Provide Relevant, Compelling Programming, Optimize Use of Space

Approved by:

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