



# The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

## Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: October 15, 2024

Subject: SRCAO.2024.08 Old Paisley Library

Report from: Emily Dance, Chief Administrative Officer

Appendices: None

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### **Recommendation**

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Receives Report SRCAO.2024.08 Old Paisley Library
2. Directs staff to draft an "Expression of Interest" for the old Paisley Library to consider interest in the property, create a list of proponents that may then be invited to participate in the formal land sale process indicating their intentions for the redevelopment and how the proposal is in keeping with the Municipality Corporate Strategic Plan and Economic Strategic Plan.

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### **Report Summary**

The Paisley Library relocated to a renovated accessible space at the Paisley Community Centre. As a result, on March 11, 2024 the Paisley Library was declared surplus to the Municipalities needs.

Staff is recommending that a "Request of Interest" be issued to consider interest in the property, create a list of proponents that may then be invited to participate in the formal land sale process indicating their intentions for the redevelopment and how the proposal is in keeping with the Municipality Corporate Strategic Plan and Economic Strategic Plan.

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### **Background**

The Paisley Library was moved to a renovated accessible space at the Paisley

Community Centre. As a result, on March 11, 2024 the Paisley Library was declared surplus to the Municipalities needs.

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### **Analysis**

Once a property is declared surplus to the Municipalities needs, the municipality is in a position to sell the property. Staff reached out to the County of Bruce to inquire if they had any interest in the property; however, they are able to run their programs out of the Paisley Community Center.

The property is located in a prime area in the downtown and has been used by the Public as a community space for many years and has great potential for Paisley.

Staff is proposing that Council consider the option of issuing a “Request for Interest” to recognize interest in the property, create a list of proponents that may then be invited to participate in the formal land sale process indicating their intentions for the redevelopment and how the proposal is in keeping with the Municipality Corporate Strategic Plan and Economic Strategic Plan.

Alternatively, Council can direct staff to request an appraisal of the lands and then place the property on the open market.

To note the Municipality received a grant from the Enabling Accessibility grant program for the installation of 2 accessible doors and an accessible washroom at the Library.

However, since the library was relocated and the property declared surplus, staff have requested an amendment of the grant through 2028 to allow move the grant to an alternative municipal building. Staff is considering various options for the grant and a report will be brought forward in the future with recommendations.

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### **Link to Strategic/Master Plan**

6.2 Supporting Businesses and the Local Economy

6.4 Leading Financial Management

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### **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy**

Appraisal fees, legal fees and real estate commissions will apply. Revenue generated from the sale will be included as revenue for the Municipality and can be used to offset expenditures, placed in reserves or can be dedicated to a specific project at Council's direction.

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Approved by: Emily Dance, Chief Administrative Officer