

October 22, 2020

To: Township of Huron-Kinloss Council

On behalf of the Board members for the Whitechurch Community Hall.

During the last several years we have seen a steady decline in hall rentals. In 2018 and 2019 there were only a few rentals from the Whitechurch community in addition to monthly rentals by the local Mennonite community.

On Thursday October 25th, 2018 the Hall Board members, and Mike Fair, Director of Community Services hosted a public meeting with approximately 20 members of the Whitechurch community to discuss the future of the Hall, and the remaining reunion funds.

It was also discussed that the future investment required in the Hall to make the hall suitable for future rentals could exceed \$100 000.00. The consensus by the end of the meeting was that the future of the Whitechurch Hall was in jeopardy due to lack of rentals, and understanding the funding required to make the hall more suitable. During that meeting there was discussions that the Whitechurch Hall be removed and be replaced with grass area and a small gazebo and the Memorial plaque. At that meeting it was also discussed that funding could be diverted towards the Whitechurch park / pavilion area to improve space for Whitechurch residents to use.

The Board members listed below, now request Council to consider removing the Whitechurch Hall, and consider a gazebo, bench, memorial plaque at that site, while also consider investing in Whitechurch Park and Pavilion space in the future.

Sincerely

The Whitechurch Hall Board Members

Al Pennington



Jack Metcalfe



Peter Brink



Murray Simpson

OK. ✓ per AL.