



# The Municipality of West Elgin

22413 Hoskins Line, Rodney, Ontario N0L 2C0

July 19, 2024

The Corporation of the County of Elgin  
450 Sunset Drive  
St. Thomas ON

Attention:  
Mr. Blain Parkin  
CAO/Clerk

Ms. Katherine Thompson  
Manager of Administrative Services / Deputy Clerk

## **Re: West Elgin Council Motion – Elgin County Commitment, Old Town Hall, Rodney Library**

At the regular meeting of Council, July 18, 2024, Council of the Municipality of West Elgin passed the following motion:

*Whereas the Municipality of West Elgin was approved in 2019 for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program; Community, Culture and recreation Stream for the renovation Old Town Hall, Rodney; And*

*Whereas, on October 24, 2019, the County of Elgin provided a letter of support, in principle, to relocate the Elgin County Library (Rodney Branch) to the renovated Old Town Hall, upon completion; And*

*Whereas the successful grant application included the provision of the Rodney Library being a vital component of the renovated Old Town Hall;*

*Therefore, the continuation of the proposed renovation requires the continued commitment of the Elgin County Council and the Elgin County Library (Rodney Branch);*

*Now be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin hereby requests a revised letter of commitment from the County of Elgin Council, to proceed with the relocation of the Rodney Library, to the renovated Rodney Old Town Hall, upon completion. **Carried.***

On behalf of West Elgin Council, I kindly request that you publish this motion on the next available County of Elgin Council agenda, for discussion and consideration.

Sincerely,

Terri Towstiuic  
Municipal Clerk



Municipality of West Elgin  
22413 Hoskins Line,  
Rodney, ON  
N0L 2C0  
c/o Mayor McPhail

Dear Mayor McPhail and Members of West Elgin Council,

On behalf of Elgin County Council, I am writing to indicate Council's support, in principle, of the Corporation of West Elgin's application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation Stream.

As the upper-tier government responsible for the provision of library services throughout Elgin County in facilities provided by lower-tier governments, we are thrilled to play a key role in this exciting project as your anchor tenants. The Rodney Library has served as a vital community resource in West Elgin for many years. The activities, services and programs offered through the library strengthen the community and your plan to repurpose this facility indicates that both West Elgin and the County of Elgin recognize the need for a library space that aligns with growing community demand.

Providing library and cultural services in the unique and treasured former Community Hall will undoubtedly enhance the vibrancy of the neighbourhood and provide additional opportunities for civic and cultural engagement. The proposed renovation offers dynamic and flexible space for a wide range of services that will align ideas, people and resources around a shared vision and endeavour to realize the Community's creative and cultural potential.

With additional space, library and cultural services enhancements include additional programming, flexible community mixed-use space and interactive creative, historic and art spaces. Our work to promote the understanding, appreciation, conservation and enjoyment of library, culture and the arts would be enhanced through this project.

The Rodney Library is a booming hub in the rural community of Rodney - with over 10,000 visitors per year. Enhancing the overall footprint of this space is an essential step in supporting and strengthening your rural community and we share in West Elgin's enthusiasm for this project and offer encouragement as you envision the future of this landmark space with your community.

Yours Very Truly,

Julie Gonyou

Chief Administrative Officer

cc. West Elgin Council - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation Stream Application

County of Elgin  
Administrative Services  
450 Sunset Drive  
St. Thomas, ON N5R 5V1  
Phone: 519-631-1460  
www.elgincounty.ca