

**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION RE: 2024-25 BUDGET**

**January 9, 2024**  
**Library Board Room, 1066 MacInnis Street**

**Members Present** Mayor Tom Scott, Deputy Mayor Karri Ferguson, Councillors Shawn Dawson, Tanya Campbell, Mike Franklin, Kelly Scott, Marvin MacLeod

**Staff Present** Interim CAO Jill Walsh

5 Community Members, 1 media present.

**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by Mayor Scott.

**2. Opening Statements**

Mayor Scott invited all present to participate in a respectful and orderly manner.

**3. Public Input**

Carolyn Somers requested the installation of a barrier-free entrance at the library. A need for upgrades of the ramp at the hall was also mentioned. Ms. Somers also expressed interest in the installation of heat pumps if funding can be sourced.

Paula Pater-Voogel requested that the budget include equipment for streaming meetings of Council online.

Justin Campbell referred to the state of the library roof, and expressed a preference for a steel replacement. He also spoke about vandalism at the old mill and museum, and expressed an interest in securing the buildings.

Paige Hart expressed concern that barricades might prevent people from getting out in the event of a fire.

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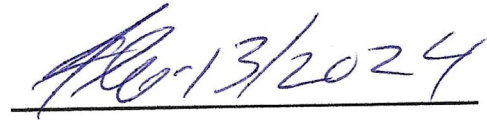

Paula Pater Voogel inquired whether Council was considering purchase of the dam property, and requested consideration of the installation of automatic-start generators at both the hall and the library.

#### 4. Closing Remarks

Mayor Scott thanked all present for attending, and stated his intention that all suggestions be considered and an affordable budget be developed.

#### 5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

  
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Tom Scott, Mayor  
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Jill Walsh, Interim Chief Administrative Officer  
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