



## Breton Community Centre Update

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The Council of the Village of Breton wishes to provide the village and surrounding area residents with an update respecting the progress of the New Community Centre Project.

A decision has been made to proceed with the construction of a new community centre and to demolish and dispose of the existing community centre and curling rink with the funding that has been raised to date for several reason including the ones provided below.

- Earlier this year the provincial government announced they were accepting Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the Canada Infrastructure Investment Program (ICIP). This program is a federal, provincial and municipal equal cost share agreement. The provincial government did not make it known in the Expressions of Intent (EOI) phase that municipalities have to use their Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding as the provincial contribution. The village receives annual MSI funding of approximately \$196,000. The village is required to prepare a long term capital plan and the MSI funding is committed to upgrade and repair existing municipal infrastructure including water, waste and roads.
- The MSI funding ends in 2021 and the provincial government announced that legislation would be in place this fall that would provide a stable predictable new revenue sharing agreement to replace MSI. That has not happened.
- From the beginning of the New Community Centre Project, Council has not been in favour of raising property tax to fund the construction of the project. That commitment has not changed.

Currently the village has received \$3.4 million dollars through funding commitments, events, donations and brick sales. Costs for geotechnical and design total \$339K, leaving a total of \$3.1 million dollars to fund the project.

A hazardous materials assessment will be conducted in 2018 on the existing community centre and curling rink to obtain a realistic cost to demolish and dispose the structures. That cost will be deducted from the \$3.1 million. The remaining funding will be the budget for the construction of the new community centre and will include all costs including servicing such as relocating power, gas, water and sewer.

It is the village's intent that the New Community Centre Project will proceed to construction in the 2019 building season and that the condensed building design will be efficient, economical and meet the primary needs of the community and surrounding area.

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