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LAMBTON SHORES COUNCIL LAUNCHES ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A GRAND BEND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Lambton Shores, ON – The Municipality of Lambton Shores has launched a committee of council to assist in developing a feasibility study for a new community centre in Grand Bend.

Council's decision to launch the committee came after a local group of community members presented a proposal to Council emphasizing the local interest and need for a community centre in Grand Bend.

"It is great to have this process underway and we have an energized committee that's eager to get started," said Councillor Dave Maguire, who was selected as the committee chair. "The community put a lot of work into their initial proposal to Council, and this committee looks forward to moving it forward. This initial step is important and will identify the needs of our community and the logistics behind what a project like this would involve."

The committee recently ratified the hiring of a professional consulting firm to complete the feasibility study and the group will work closely with the successful firm to provide a comprehensive public consultation program. The Municipality has posted a request for proposal (RFP) for the project and will be accepting proposals until May 3, 2023. More information on the RFP can be found at lambtonshores.ca/RFP.

Part of the process will include completing a needs assessment to determine the type of infrastructure required to meet community needs, and operational considerations including possible partnerships.

The committee consists of three members of Council and three members of the public, with the Mayor acting as ex-officio. Staff are assigned to the committee as required for administrative and technical support but have no voting privileges.

Once the feasibility study is complete, it will be presented to Council for approval and discussions on next steps. For more information about the Committee of Council for the Grand Bend Community Centre, please visit lambtonshores.ca/GBCommunityCentre

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