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NEW MUNICIPAL COMPLEX Site Selected

KINGS COUNTY, NS: After further engagement, Council has decided to continue building the New Municipal Complex on the current Coldbrook site in the Coldbrook Village Park.

After a thorough community engagement process, Council now feels confident to continue the New Municipal Complex process. Throughout the process, criteria arose from the public, staff, and Council of the importance of location. Working from data received on criteria from the public and staff, Council identified their top priorities. A shortlist of site options was also selected by Council. It is important to note that some criteria were not included in the ranking because they were the same across all sites such as: centrally located, staying on budget, lots of onsite parking, etc. Stantec presented the site ranking data in terms of the criteria Council selected at the June 6th, 2017 Council meeting. The presentation can be found at: http://www.countyofkings.ca/upload/All_Uploads/COUNCIL/Meeting_Documents/COUNCIL/2017/2017-06-06%20COUNCIL/presentation/2017-06-06%20Presentations%20Municipal%20Complex%20Site%20Selection.pdf

Through the engagement process, the idea to separate the Public Works Shop from the Municipal Complex was heard by the public and staff. Staff also suggested that a bigger Public Works space would allow for a consolidation of public works equipment. Council voted to have the Municipal Complex and the Public Works Shop be placed on separate sites. The location for the Public Works Shop is still to be determined.

After reviewing Stantec's ranking of the four short listed sites, two sites surfaced for debated: the Coldbrook Village Park site and a site on River Street in Kentville. Council voted in favour of continuing to build the New Municipal Complex on the current Coldbrook site in Coldbrook Village Park.

Moving forward, designs will be created to reflect new information brought forward during the community engagement process. An updated timeline will be released as more information becomes available.

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"I have great admiration and respect for those who have taken the trouble to actually attend our engagement sessions and provide reasoned and valuable input to help guide our Council. This has been the first of many fulsome exercises in true engagement. Such exercises serve to guide truly democratic processes". – Mayor Muttart

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