

Towards a New Town Hall

Do you have any comments that you would like to be considered by the Town in making this decision?

Respondents	Responses
1	Use local - not someone from Toronto
2	I don not believe that the Town should not lease, but should build to own.
3	A lease to own option makes the most sense. Why would we lease indefinitely and pay some off someone else's asset and have nothing to show for it in the end.
4	Would it be cheaper to fix and build on the property where the Customer Service is right now? Probably cheaper than leasing in the long run.
5	need to consider this design/build option as well as a "stay in place" option -- need to engage landlord to put together a plan to utilize mall space and expand it so that there is a better visual (no one knows where the offices are - very poor visibility at present)
6	None of these options is financially prudent. If the Town is to move to a new facility, they need to own the building and the land, and not be left at the mercy of a new landlord and subsequent hikes in rent.
7	WILL REQUIRE MORE MAINTENANCE WITH THE OPEN SPACE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AND IS CONNECTED TO ALL THE PATHWAYS IN THE TOWN
8	Come in on budget and on time
9	None of the options really show the parking layout, accessibility parking, and distance to the doors. In a town like Tillsonburg with many seniors, and residents with mobility and/or physical challenges; convenience of parking as well as a short distance to the entrance can be a real issue particularly in inclement weather.
10	After reading the information sheet, it really strikes me hard, that the tax payers are being asked to shell out approximately 4 times the present lease cost. I'm sure efficiency will increase, with one location, but 4 times more?? Please review these proposals again. I'm sure there are available savings. Thank you.
11	In fairness to all designs I have no idea what the cost comes in at on any of them

12	Personally due to how much it is to lease any of these options per year I think it's a waste of money.
13	If this project were to go through are there ideas proposed to perhaps bring the works department to where the Hydro Operations currently are and therefore potentially sell off land where works department is? And/or keep Works building, bring hydro operations to works and house the billing and administrative personnel in the new building therefore allowing the Town to sell the property at 10 Lisgar? Just a question to see if it can help off set costs. Thanks. Sure would be great to have a proper Town Hall!
14	Ease of use, bright and welcoming and forward thinking for everyone....
15	I feel very strongly that the funds used to create a Town Hall should be utilized in another way. Currently the Customer Service Center offers a central and accessible place for the residents. To lease a building at \$800,000- \$850, 000 and keep the operating expenses of the CSC building which they own is not a wise use of finances!
16	Don't like any option because the option we are picking to pay for the building. Why lease and not buy
17	I think all proposals are unnecessary and will cost the town too much money. Our tax dollars are better spent on other things, things that are deteriorating in town. This looks to just be a project for show rather than a necessity. And who does the town think is going to pay for this extravagance....the tax payers that's who. No thanks!
18	If the build is given a go ahead, make sure whatever option is selected has enough office and storage space to meet the needs of a growing municipality. Really short sighted if a new building is "out grown" within 5 to 10 years of completion.
19	I feel we do not need this. The cost is just too highly plus why would we not sell off some of our assets to support this? Or utilizing property we already have.

	I think the base of work done was done well but the town needs to know are we able to free up other buildings as people get moved to the new offices and which ones and will we be selling them Where is the money coming from
20	are we gaining \$600000 in efficiency a year (duplication of services etc. I said 20 years ago we should of never moved into the Mall as the location was poor and not really good for the average person and I thought that rent was way too high and that we should of built back then. Have we looked into buying an old factory/building that is empty and for sale and updating that to our needs. We as a town need to be more frugal in our approach to things and I don't believe this is the correct approach Renting is always a bad idea ALWAYS
21	I think that the accessibility for residents at any of the developments would be far superior to the town centre mall location. Bringing staff together a plus as well.
22	Please consider size of project and land proposed. The land at the corner of Bridge St and Bidwell St is too small for this size of a building. The community also enjoys this greenspace as it is used by the Station Arts Centre summer camp programs and the summer farmers market. We LIKE greenspace. Please stop building on every last patch of it!
23	See above
24	I would like the Town to choose the option which is most affordable but also captures the needs of the space survey. Consider repercussions of leaving the mall. And consider the synergies of connecting to the mall.
25	All of the options have been very well thought out. At this time due to the costing I believe we should look at other options. I don't believe that moving the Town Hall from the Tillsonburg Town Centre is the correct option.
26	I know its more expensive than the current Town Centre lease, but this is a home of our own rather than a piece of a shopping mall. I like the idea of having all the resident-facing services (and then some) in one building.
27	Why not continue with the way things are? Why spend so much on a new structure, when the old structures work?
28	See above

29	Getting all of Tillsonburg's services under one roof will benefit the town. One stop will be very convenient to Tillsonburg residents.
30	Not enough information. Knowing what the work spaces will look like is essential. Cubicles generally are not an effective solution, however they can be acceptable in some situations. Open concept work environments have proven to be a production deterrent, and a moral killer. So if any of these solutions support an open concept environment, I would not choose it. Also, this is a VERY expensive solution, and frankly a waste of tax payers money so far.
31	Cost, cost cost. My tax dollars better not be increasing just because you want a pretty space to work at. Why is this space needed? What programs are you referring to that would use the space. No examples are given. How can you justify spending this kind of money? How would this benefit those of us who live here?
32	Should this not have been considered when they decided to demolish the old town hall?
33	I don't feel we need this. There are many other things in our community the money could be spent on. Why are we not fix old instead of building new. The town has been notorious for building new things but not taking care of them then wanting to build something new to replace it when it becomes in bad shape.
34	I thought this motion was defeated by council already so I am not sure why we are continuing to waste time and money on it.
35	I don't agree that we need a new townhall. Hope this gets voted down.
	I feel this is an unnecessary project and a waste of tax payer money and had utilized town staff time enough already. I have never had an issue accessing any of my town services needs. The change of one central phone number has resolved any past issues I have had.
	NO to all 3.

36	I am not in favor of this project. During times of restraint the Town needs to lead by example and make due with what they have. I am tired of rising tax bills to foot these ideas. Meanwhile the outdoor pool and community center need repairs. Enough. I will certainly remember the names and faces of those who are pushing for this added expense when it comes time to vote
37	How can we include green technology and features into this design? (ie. grey water, green roofs, green energy, Efficient use of water and energy)
38	I'm curious to know more details regarding your needs assessment. They appear to be very large buildings. Hopefully money well spent for the town. Is money being put towards the pool? I have fond memories as a child there and that place is always packed. It would be really disappointing if another summer went by without the slide working. It attracts people to the town. Isn't that what we want? Thank you.
39	To expensive. I have heard McLaughlin is already got the contract in hand on their property across from the Station Arts building.
40	What the town sorely needs is housing for those people that are less fortunate than those that are sitting on Town Council.
41	Why are only lease cost looked at?
42	Should we do this, put building B on C property. That being said I think this is too high a price to pay
43	Design the interior to today's workplace. No walls, minimum offices, take a look at how businesses like Siemens, McDonald's and others have created a workplace that integrates people vs departments.. design the size of the building to accommodate 1/3 of the staff. Allow staff to work at home, work when they want. We need a bigger library, lol at partnership with Oxford County Library like Ingersoll did.

	I would like to know where option D and E are? ie; Status Quo and Status Quo with options provided by the Mall owner.
44	You appear to be trying to slant the view to your personal preference. Please, please treat the taxpayer with some modicum of respect! Transparency, transparency,transparency!!!!!!!
45	Pick on that suites our town and location is a key piece.
46	where is the option put forth from the mall? It is known that they were willing to put external access, signage, etc, and provide the entire top floor to the town. This would be much more cost effective for the town. Our taxes are already too high when compared to other communities and this white elephant of a project will just increase to that. The extra \$600,000 a year would be better spent on an aquatics centre.
47	Is there a cost difference in the three? Are any of these existing building?
48	Please account for long term storage/archival storage of town records.
49	What happens to the upper part of the mall when the town moves out?
50	If it has taken four years to get to this point you have to make a final decision NOW....or this will never happen. Plus the longer you take the more it is going to cost!
51	Why not look at other options where it would not cost the town \$800,000/year
52	Each of the designs are wonderful however the town's financial situation does not dictate that we can afford a new build town hall. We need to be fiscally responsible over the coming years to bring our deficit to a reasonable amount.
53	would be very good to have one space where all employees and services are accessible out of one building
54	The Town should consider the effect on the taxpayer. The Town should also concentrate on fixing the buildings it already has without adding more. You didn't provide any costing so I am not going to vote on something when I don't know what the cost is. I like customer service where it is, it is easy to access.
55	Do we have other priorities like promoting local businesses, inticing more factories to this area, promoting more local better paying jobs in Tburg area, supporting programs and services in area, etc, etc, keeping what we have and providing quality services

	put on town land, I would rather the Town own it instead of leasing, building a town hall
56	has to modern and inviting to the citizens, not a banker
57	if you don't own it don't do it consider future financial risk and increase in taxes