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The old Stouffville District Secondary School has been closed for more than two years. Mayor Wayne Emmerson wants the town to buy the building from the public school board.

Food bank, job office could be in civic centre

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to Ware Malcomb. Those employees will need 10,200 square feet of space.

"It is clear that the existing premises are intensely and efficiently utilized and face some noteworthy challenges going forward," according to the report by Ware Malcomb.

Those challenges include: lack of expansion space, overcrowded facilities, lack of town identity, remoteness of the fourth floor offices from the front doors, lack of public gathering space for public meetings, storage space and centralized public service counter.

Another option the town is contemplating is building its own town hall.

But building a town hall from scratch is not cheap.

Ware Malcomb estimated the type of facility required by Whitchurch-Stouffville will cost between \$250 and \$300 a square foot. The consultants also recommend the facility be 44,000 square feet, which equates to a \$13.2-million town hall, before design/project management and land costs.

"If we were going to build, we have to look at our capital reserves because town hall is not eligible through development charges," Mr. Cash said.

The reserves are looking good and so are mortgage rates, according to the town's director of finance and treasurer Mark Pourvahidi.

By 2011, the municipality's capital reserve fund will have \$5 million in its coffers specifically for a new town hall, thanks to the sale of the current public works yard on Main Street. The remaining \$7 million, according to Mr. Pourvahidi, can be mortgaged.

"Town is presently paying a monthly lease, so it will be my recommendation to put in a long-term financing plan to replace the cost," he said.

Another option is to purchase a building and retrofit it to meet the

needs of a town hall.

If this ends up being the preferred choice by council, Mayor Wayne Emmerson knows exactly which building he wants to move into - the former Stouffville District Secondary School.

"I think it's time the municipality has its own spot (and) I believe the school site would be good," he said.

The school, east of the Stouffville Arena on Bramble Crescent, has been vacant for two years and deemed surplus by the York District School Board, but it has yet to decide what to do with the facility.

"We're still negotiating; we've been negotiating for a while," Mr. Emmerson said.

Not only would the building be home to Whitchurch-Stouffville's town hall, Mr. Emmerson noted he'd like to see other community groups join them, such as the York Region Health Unit, YMCA Resource Centre and Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank, to name a few.

"There are so many avenues we could get involved with if we could acquire the school," Mr. Emmerson said.

ALL OPTIONS OPEN

In 2007, the town purchased half of the school's property, which contained the track, playing fields and tennis courts.

A decision on which route the town will eventually take is not expected to be made for some time.

"We're looking at all the options," Mr. Cash said. "We're trying to be efficient and frugal here."

And for the more immediate future?

Once a new fire hall opens on Weldon Road in Stouffville, two full-time and one part-time bylaw officer will move to the Ballantrae fire hall and set up shop in the vacated administrative offices.

However, this solution will only last until 2014, when fire service is expected to go 24/7 and those administrative offices will once again be required by the fire department.

A senior bylaw officer will still work out of the Sandiford Drive offices, Mr. Cash said.

Three public works operations staff will also be moving to new digs, the public works operations centre on Bethesda Road, which is expected to be operational by June 2010.

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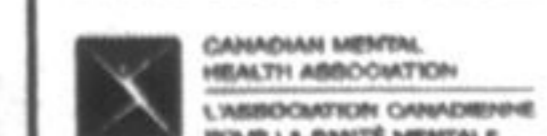
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