

Facility has enough space to accommodate growth

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used as such by the town with the remaining 60 per cent a warehouse.

Some of that space will be turned into offices, council chambers and community meeting rooms.

The rest will be leased or rented out.

The building also comes with exercise equipment, cafeteria furniture and equipment and warehouse racking, all of which the town plans to use.

The closing date is Sept. 24, with Cook Canada having the option to extend it an additional 60 days.

"Cook is planning to stay in town and we agreed to this part because of our desire to help them stay in town," Mr. Cash said.

The move-in date is expected to be next spring.

Although council did approve the purchase, it was not unanimous.

Councillors Rob Hargrave and Phil Bannon voted against it.

"We're sitting here today because someone came to town with a good deal," Mr. Hargrave said. "I'm concerned. We could make this project beneficial for the community if we planned for it and we haven't."

At least one resident, Ward 4 councillor nominee Anne Pride, also spoke out against the purchase.

"Let's try to pay off what we already have without putting a greater tax burden on our citizens," she said. "I'd like to look

at what we have and making better use of that."

The long-term accommodation study that provided an eventual square footage need for the town also outlined a number of options for council to consider, including land it already owned, in particular constructing a new town hall on Main Street's public works yard.

Although it would be close to the Stouffville Clippers Sports Complex and the new fire hall, staff concluded it would be better to amalgamate the land with neighbouring properties for commercial development.

Staff also earmarked the net proceeds from the sale of this land to be applied to the new town hall project, Mr. Cash said.

Earlier this year, the land was declared surplus by the town.

Another option was to buy a parcel of land and build a town hall.

"You'll never build a brand new town hall because it would go from \$18 million to \$40 million because of everybody's needs and wants," said Mayor Wayne Emmerson.

According to Mr. Cash, just the cost of the land needed to accommodate a 43,000-square-foot building would be between \$1.75 and \$4 million, plus construction costs of \$300 to \$350 a square-foot. The total cost to construct a new building would be between \$16.05 million and \$18.3 million.

"Quite honestly, (the cost of land) is one of the biggest hurdles in moving forward," Mr. Cash said. "It's a cost we had

not anticipated."

The town also tried to negotiate with the York Region District School Board to buy the former Stouffville District Secondary School building.

Most of the existing school was built 50 years ago and put on the school board's prohibitive-to-repair list when it decided to open a new school.

The board wanted the town to pay fair market value for the property, which was \$497,000 an acre, Mr. Cash said.

According to the town officials, fair market value was \$370,000 an acre and they wanted to pay 50 per cent of that.

For the past 11 years, the town has leased space at 37 Sandiford Dr.

Back then, it had about 10,000 square feet.

Today, the town leases about 20,200 square feet.

Since 1999, the municipality has paid a little more than \$2.4 million in rental and leasehold improvement costs, Mr. Cash said.

The lease expires next February and the new rates are higher.

To purchase Cook Canada's site, the town will mortgage up to \$6 million of the cost at six per cent interest, which equates to payments of \$464,000 annually for the next 25 years.

The remaining \$3.5 million will come from capital reserves, which will be generated from the sale of surplus lands and buildings.

Grants will also be applied for if they become available, Mr. Cash said.



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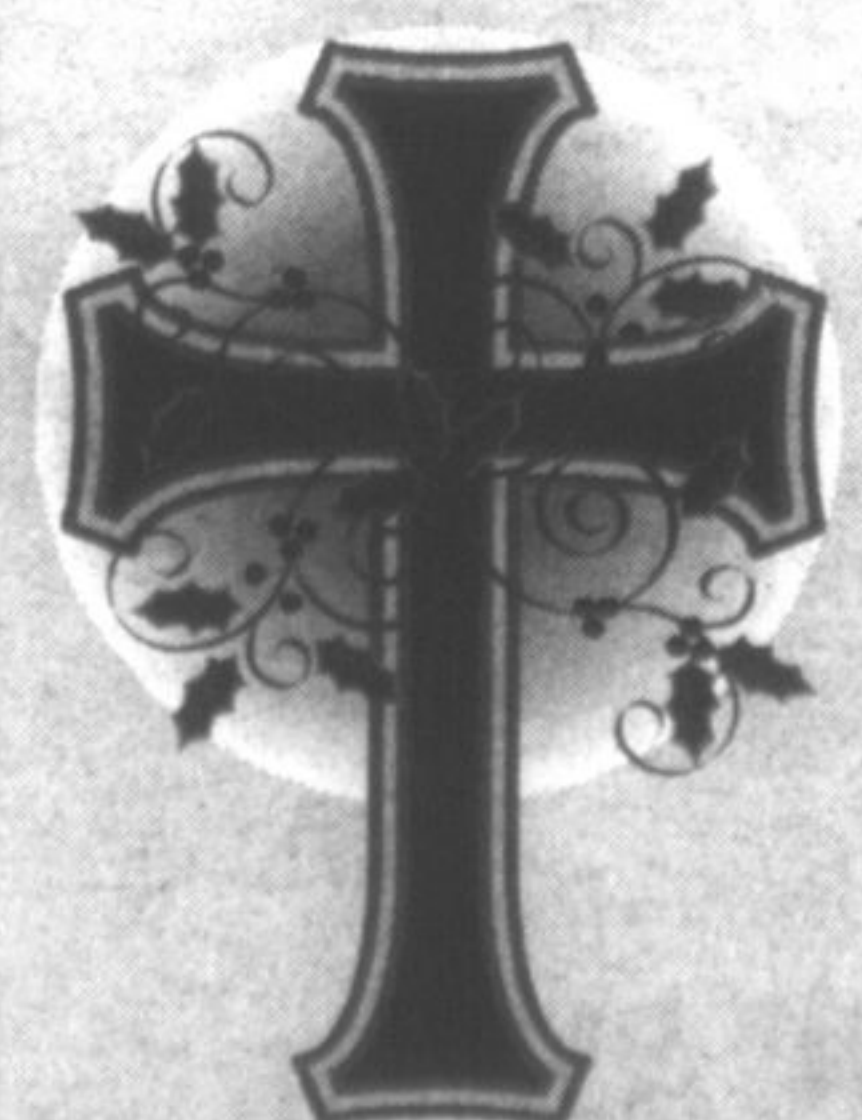
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Thursday April 1
Maundy Thursday

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8:00am - Service
9:00am - Breakfast

Everyone Welcome!



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Sunday, March 28th

Palm/Passion Sunday

10:30am - Worship Service
Sixth Word - "It is finished."

7:00pm - Thurs., April 1st
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10:00am - Friday, April 2nd
Good Friday Service - Walk of the Cross
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