



REQUEST for DECISION

SUBJECT: Request for Decision- VIC Working Group recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approves the recommendations made by the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) working group.

The MDSS Council established a working group with administration to develop strategies for the current VIC. In carrying out its duties, the working group would like to recommend the following based on the discussions we had with GNB -

- **Firstly, the current kiosk can no longer be used as the VIC, it is not safe as there is mold in there and the building leaks. It does need to be demolished before the Spring of 2025.**
- **The current location of the kiosk/VIC is the best location rather than the area at the Border.**
- **Future long-term options may include a property in the downtown area such as the Oldest Basketball Court location at 6 King Street, but they are not ready or too expensive at present.**
- **To keep the GNB designation we must add bathroom trailers (rather than porta-potties) closer to the kiosk. We will work towards meeting all their criteria so we can continue being a Provincial VIC.**
- **The cabin that was bought with funding from GNB in July 2022 should replace the kiosk; a larger cement pad will need to be formed but we have installation funding available for this.**
- **The cabin will be a temporary solution to the long-term option and the cabin will only be used for 3-5 years or until a suitable permanent location is found for the VIC. Then the cabin could be used for storage for equipment such as paddleboards or other rental equipment.**

Please accept the VIC Working Group's recommendations so that administration can move forward in preparation for the 2025 VIC season.

If these recommendations are unacceptable or they need amending, please direct administration on these changes.

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