

Whereas the Brockville Museum's collection has doubled since the building's expansion in 1995 and is projected to grow by a quarter in the next fifteen years (2032);

And whereas an off-site storage warehouse is required in order to house the current collection at an annual expense of 5% (over \$10,000) of the museum's operating budget;

And whereas the limited and insufficient storage spaces available in the present building and at the off-site storage facility are placing the collection at risk from exposure to pests, inadequate climate control, and over-crowding;

And whereas the archives and study area of the Leeds and Grenville Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society are, due to lack of appropriate space, located in the damp and cold Beecher House basement;

And whereas the current museum building can never fully meet future accessibility requirements;

And whereas the current lot size is insufficient to address expansion needs;

And whereas adjacent properties are zoned for large condo developments, putting access and public visibility of the museum at the current site in jeopardy;

And whereas the museum building continues to experience flooding and/or water drain shut offs on a regular basis that will cost the City of Brockville millions of dollars to rectify;

And whereas the Brockville Museum Board of Management is responsible for the care and maintenance of the growing collection of the Brockville Museum as set-out in by-law 022-91: "to acquire, collect and conserve artifacts and archival material which relate to the history of Brockville and environs, or which represent a lifestyle or event in Canadian history."

And whereas the Brockville Museum Board of Management is responsible for "adopting policy and rules for the use of the museum and for the admission of the public thereto, and for regulating all other matters of things connected with the management thereof" (by-law 287-89);

Be it resolved that the Brockville Museum Board of Management has deemed it necessary to relocate the Brockville Museum, its collection, exhibitions, and staff from 5 Henry Street to a new site, to be determined;

And that planning for the museum's relocation will begin immediately;

And that the target date for the completion of the said relocation be no later than April 2, 2032 (the 200th anniversary of Brockville's incorporation).

Moved by: *P. Naylor* **Seconded by:** *M. Lawrence* **Passed by unanimous vote:** *November 13, 2017*