



**Meeting Date: October 2, 2024**

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**Report No: CMS-07-2024**

**Subject: Komoka Railway Museum Land Use Agreement**

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**Recommendation:**

THAT Report CMS-07-2024 re: Komoka Railway Museum Land Use Agreement be received;

AND THAT the Land Use Agreement set out in Appendix A of this report between the Municipality of Middlesex Centre and the Komoka Railway Museum be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute any necessary documents to complete the Agreement.

**Purpose:**

To seek Council approval of the Land Use Agreement between the Municipality of Middlesex Centre and the Komoka Railway Museum.

**Background:**

The Komoka Railway Museum was incorporated in 1980 with a goal of providing suitable facilities for display, restoration, storage and cataloguing of artifacts, records and other items relating to the history, exploration, settlement, development, and culture of Komoka and area and in particular the influence of the railroads.

A portion of the museum is housed in the former Canadian National Railway station in Komoka, Ontario. When purchased as a museum in 1978, the building was moved to its present site north of the CNR tracks and adjacent to the Komoka Community Centre. Many railroad items are available for close examination including telegraph keys, spike hammers, spike pullers, switch lanterns, steam gauges, a railroad safe, a baggage sleigh and a three-wheel velocipede.

The Museum's pride is a 1913 Shay steam locomotive, which is now nearly completely restored. It rests in its own building along with other artifacts.

The current agreement between the municipality the museum pre-dates the amalgamation of Middlesex Centre. As noted in the Middlesex Centre Community Services Master Plan (2023-2027), an update to the land use agreement with the Railway Museum was identified as a key priority recommendation.

**Analysis:**

Staff have been in consultation with the Railway Museum executive since December 2023 to negotiate the new terms of the agreement. Rob Hockin from the Komoka Railway Museum made a presentation at the September 16, 2024 meeting of the Community Services Advisory Committee where there were no noted comments or concerns.

**Financial Implications:**

As defined in the agreement, the Komoka Railway Museum will pay an annual fee of \$750.00 plus all applicable taxes in two equal payments on August 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.

**Strategic Plan:**

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- Engaged Community
- Responsive Municipal Government

**Attachments:**

A1 – Komoka Railway Museum Land Use Agreement