

Potential uses

Many of the transitional uses will require financial investment by the Town. This is currently not budgeted for.

The only way to reduce the possibility of this would be to be open with the community on the condition of the property and the significant investment of time and finances required to prepare the property for community use.

Each potential transitional use comes with weighting in favour of each use. Here is a list of potential transitional uses:

Community Centre - Transforming the property into a community center can serve as a hub for various activities, including after-school programs, adult education classes, support groups, and recreational activities for local residents.

- Fulfills community needs and fosters a sense of belonging.
- Potential for local grants and donations for basic repairs.
- Enhances the property's community value.

Art and Cultural Space - Utilise the property as a temporary art gallery, studio, or cultural space for artists to create and showcase their work, host art exhibitions, or conduct workshops and classes.

- Attracts artists and creative individuals to the area.
- May receive grants or donations for artistic purposes.
- Could boost local arts and culture scene.

Community Gardens - Consider using it for community gardens or urban farming initiatives, allowing residents to grow their own produce.

- Promotes sustainability and local food production.
- Minimal upfront costs for setting up garden plots.
- May increase property's attractiveness for eco-conscious buyers.
- The soil appears to be in good condition for growing plants and vegetables

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- The pathway to remove the buildings must be kept clear of all vegetation
- Establishing any kind of garden on the site would take significant investment of time and removing it after a few years could have a significant impact on the community and the Town reputation.
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Sports and Recreation - Set up sports facilities for the community's recreational needs.

- Encourages physical activity and community engagement.
- Potential for local sports clubs to contribute to repairs.
- Would utilise the currently unused land and have minimal impact on moving the buildings

Youth and Family Services - Offer services and programs for youth, children, and families, such as tutoring, mentoring, counseling, and youth clubs.

- Provides essential services for vulnerable populations.
- May attract grants and nonprofit partnerships.
- Enhances the property's community value.

Temporary Event Venue - Host events like craft fairs, flea markets, community meetings, or temporary exhibitions, generating community engagement and economic activity.

- Generates short-term income from event rentals.
- Can attract event organisers and vendors.

Crisis Centre - Convert the property into a crisis intervention centre, providing support and resources to individuals in crisis, including mental health services and counseling.

- Provides crucial support for individuals in crisis.
- May attract government or nonprofit funding.
- Enhances property's value as a community resource.

Environmental Initiatives - Use the property for environmental initiatives, such as hosting recycling collection points, educational programs on sustainability, or as a hub for local conservation efforts.

- Promotes sustainability and environmental awareness.
- Potential for grants and partnerships in eco-initiatives.
- Enhances property value for eco-conscious buyers.