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IRVINE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE MOVING FORWARD

DUNMORE — Cypress County is moving ahead with building the Irvine Community Resource Centre following considerable feedback from the public.

During today's council meeting, a motion to proceed with the project to build a new home for the Irvine Community Library across the street from its current location was carried.

"We respect everyone's right to have input on the resource centre, and in the past two months we've listened," said Reeve Dan Hamilton. "Based on what we heard, and the years of consultation prior to that, there is no question that the people of Irvine want and deserve this facility. The only negative feedback was whether it should be built at the site of the Woodward Memorial Park.

"It is council's opinion that this project will enhance and improve the park, and allow it to be used by more people thanks to the indoor meeting room which is part of the design."

The \$1.5 million, 3,600 square foot project was approved last year and is funded by the Municipal Sustainability Initiative, a provincial grant ending in 2023 and being replaced with the Local Government Fiscal Framework. It includes space for a library, board room, outdoor playground, and park space.

The county invited feedback in January regarding the centre. All feedback was presented to councillors, and five delegations were received at the Feb. 7 council meeting.

The Irvine Community Resource Centre is slated for completion in 2023.

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