



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

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<b>Department:</b>	Culture and Recreation	<b>Policy References:</b>	
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Director of Culture and Recreation		
<b>Subject:</b>	LAF LaSalle Cafe		

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the report from the Director of Culture and Recreation dated January 30, 2019 (C&R 2010-01) regarding the closing of the LaSalle Café located at the Town Civic Centre BE APPROVED;

AND THAT staff proceed with posting the vacancy and report back on proposals received.

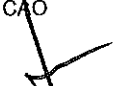
**REPORT:**

Staff received correspondence from Life After Fifty providing an update that they are no longer able to operate the LaSalle Café at the Civic Centre and will be ending their commitment of the operations on March 31, 2019. Due to lower than expected sales, difficulty in finding volunteers and new regulations around safe food handling requirements they feel they are unable to fulfill the commitment. There is no agreement or formal contract in place for this service at the Town Civic Centre.

Culture and Recreation services has had a good relationship with the LAF and have worked with their team and volunteer base in other areas including the Strawberry Festival where they have been exceptional partners. Their professionalism has been a benefit adding to the success of the event preparation and delivery. Staff are recommending a call for proposals be put to the community for operation of the Café. All responses received will be collated and reported back to Council for further review.

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Director of Culture and Recreation

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January 16, 2019

Hello Julie, Happy New Year! I hope you were able to enjoy some family time over the Holidays.

I have wanted to touch base with you about the LaSalle Café. After much consideration we have decided operating the Café in the LaSalle Town Hall is no longer a viable option for us.

There are several factors that have contributed to this decision. The sales have been much lower than expected, however this is not the main reason for ending the service. We have also had difficulty finding volunteers to support this endeavour on a regular basis. We hold ourselves to a high standard when providing services to the community and feel we are unable to fulfill this commitment while providing the level of service we would be proud of.

Ideally we would like to end our commitment by March 31, 2019 however we are certainly willing to work with you on a timeline that would work best for both of us.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to have partnered with the Town of LaSalle on this initiative and look forward to future partnerships.

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