

1. Purpose:

Business model for an effective use of a School Facility, to use in the short term as a business incubator, which would maximize a school asset by sharing the facility for use as an education imitative, with Trent, Fleming College, Peterborough regional Hospital, and the New Canadians Center, as well as programs offered by KPRDSB. Creating a Skills Center to support business, and educational training, for the people of Peterborough.

Canada like many other countries around the world are experiencing a massive paradigm shift in skills and employment, where industries are changing, manufacturing is moving off shore, and there is a bounty of under utilized potentially skilled work force looking for new opportunities to keep the prosperity alive in our city, Province and Country.

My idea is to work with Trent University, Fleming College, the Greater Peterborough Economic Development Agency , The New Visitors Center, Our Hospital and KPRDSB. What I propose is to create a working skills center for everything from literacy programs, to skill trade apprenticeships, skilled programs such as Ultra sound Technician programs, offering a wide variety of programs, to support the local hospital, Business, and university, as well as the trades for future development. Fleming is experiencing a huge growth with their second career, and could benefit from extra program space. Maybe we could marry the Trent Forensic DNA programs, and offer a Pathologist residency program here at this new Centre. This center would draw people here for the opportunity of a future, some will stay and Peterborough will grow. When funding any new building initiatives either at Trent or Fleming, takes time and money, utilizing the facilities at Tasss would allow for program expansions, with no development costs incurred. This center could be a flagship program model for the entire country to follow.

The University Hospital in London years ago had the foresight to work with the surrounding colleges, and being a teaching hospital, worked together to ensure trained skilled workers such as Radiology technician, Ultra sound technicians, and other skilled worker be trained in London for the jobs in London. This is a clever move, and London has grown because of it. This week Fanshaw College, in London has announced it will open a campus for the Arts programming in the downtown core, they are setting up programs, and establishing a facility in the downtown to help **revitalize** and strengthen the downtown. By closing any schools, especially PCVS, Peterborough will be profoundly affected for years to come, and the businesses in the downtown, and in the city at large will be mourning the loss of a vibrant

downtown economic region. It will cost you nothing to act now, but it will cost you greatly if the downtown loses PCVS, and the city loses a high school.

To close any school in Peterborough only promotes the negative image that Peterborough is a down trending community, and not a place to invest in. It is all about the prosperity of Peterborough. We need a clear positive vision for growth to ensure Peterborough does thrive.

Presenting a creative idea, which could be a model for other communities in Canada, or within the board. To allow the KPRDSB to preserve an asset for the future growth opportunity, and future population expansion.

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