

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Administration

**Date:** April 11, 2022

**Subject:** Dental Equipment – Storage Option

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council direct Administration to cancel the auction of the District's dental equipment, supplies, and office furniture and move forward with storage at the Town Centre Mall facility.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Since the initial opening of the dental clinic, the District has assisted with outfitting the facility to support and maintain dental services in the community. The dental clinic has been unoccupied since 2017 and due to its condition, the building is now slated for demolition and the District is making preparations for removing the equipment from the facility.

At the February 28, 2022 Regular Council meeting, Administration asked for Council's permission to move forward with disposing of the dental equipment, supplies, and office furniture by way of public auction. Council approved this request and staff began preparations for sale.

Over the last month, the District was approached by another dentist interested in purchasing the equipment as a package and exploring options at opening a clinic in Mackenzie. Staff worked with the individual, however unfortunately, no commitments have been made at this time. During the process, however, it was made clear that having the full package of dental equipment, supplies, and office furniture available to purchase or use by a new dentist is an asset for anyone interested in opening up a clinic.

In addition, after the Council meeting, the District was approached by the owners of Town Centre Mall. They have been working alongside the District since 2017 to try and secure a dental clinic in their facility and expressed their concerns about the District auctioning off the equipment piece-by-piece. During their conversations with the most recent and previously interested dentists, equipment is one of the major financial barriers for a new dental clinic start-up and maintaining the dental assets we have, as a package, in the community would go a long way in helping entice and secure dental services in the community.

Understanding that we are under pressure to demolish the Dental Clinic building, Town Centre Mall representatives have offered the District storage in one of their empty spaces free of charge.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

Town Centre Mall is offering storage of the equipment, supplies, and furniture free-of-charge. It is estimated that the District would incur up to \$3000 in electrical and staff labour to dismantle and move the equipment to their storage space. Funding for the removal and transport of the equipment would be allocated from the General Operating Budget.

**COUNCIL PRIORITIES:**

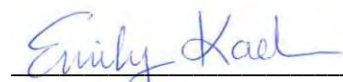
**Strong Governance and Finances**

- As the municipality's elected governing body, we serve all residents and businesses in the community. We engage residents and stakeholders on important issues and make our decisions through open and transparent processes. We are careful in our use of resources, mindful of the need to maintain programs and services, while also meeting the community's infrastructure needs.

**Economic Vitality**

- The District is a leader on efforts aimed at diversifying the community's economy, supporting local businesses, and attracting new investment to the community. Diversification, a strong business sector and new investment are key to our economic vitality.

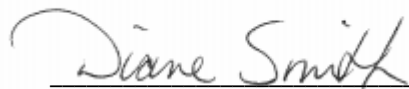
Respectfully Submitted,



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Approved for Submission to Council