

# PETITION TO CREATE A COMMUNITY HUB IN WAUBASHENE

## HELLO WAUBAUSHENE AND WARD THREE

A few years ago, the Waubaushene Community Hub Committee tried to persuade Tay Township Council that we needed a Community Hub. Our vision was to refurbish the Hazel Street School to house the Library, a health room, the Benny Club for kids, sports groups using the gym, a community garden, a café, and community meeting space. Council refused to bid on the school, but said that it would consider establishing a community centre in Waubaushene—but, nothing was done.

Tay Council in 2020 said a hub was a top priority, and applied for a grant to build an addition on the Fire Hall in Bridgeview Park. They didn't get the grant.

This week, Council rejected a recommendation to make a Community Hub in Waubaushene a part of the Long Term Plan—no money was set aside in the budget to achieve this goal. Instead, councillors suggested that residents could just “rent the space in the Legion to have a meeting room”.

HAVE THEY MISSED THE POINT? We think so. We support our Legion and have rented their space for meetings in the past—notably to rally to save our Library. We are asking for a real HUB, a new build or renovation of an existing building—a place where residents and visitors can come for kids' programming, to borrow a book from the library, to use the computers and internet, attend seniors' lectures and meetings, see a visiting healthcare provider (for instance to give flu shots)—not just an empty meeting room. Waubaushene needs a vibrant, multi-use facility!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please join with us in signing this petition to assist our Councillors, our Mayor and Deputy Mayor in understanding that a vibrant community centre in Waubaushene is badly needed. We're asking them to open their minds and share our vision.