

SAVE OUR PEFAC UPDATE

FAQ#4, December 22nd, 2025

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

First off, we want to say a huge thank you to everyone for your efforts prior to the November 25th Council meeting. You made a difference! Particular thanks to those who made comments, those who came out and packed Council chambers, those who wrote letters to councillors and the media, and those who rounded up signatures for the petition. Your efforts and stories meant that Council had no choice but to listen.

THE RESULT

Our efforts netted almost the results we were looking for:

1. Council approved the designation of PEFAC as a Project of Community Interest. This means that donations in support of PEFAC will be able to be treated as charitable donations.
2. On November 25th, Council approved the request for consideration of an additional \$100,000 in operating support for PEFAC for 2026. During the budget deliberations a week later, Council approved an additional \$80,000 (\$20,000 less than we were asking for), and also adjusted our current support such that all \$70,000 of it can go towards operations. (Previously \$20,000 was earmarked for equipment)

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

1. PEFAC will be signing an updated agreement with Prince Edward County that includes the additional funding as well as the Designation as a Project of Community Interest. We will also be working with County staff to put in place the procedures for making donations. We cannot accept donations until this is done – likely late January or February.
2. PEFAC's Board is working on a fundraising strategy and plan which should be ready late January or February.
3. As soon as items 1 and 2 are done, we will let you know how you can support PEFAC going forward.
4. PEFAC's Board is continuing to communicate with the Lester family, through real estate agents, regarding the rent increase and purchase of the property.
5. Board members are working actively on all of the above, and meeting often.

CAN WE DONATE MONEY?

As noted above, we are working with County staff to set up the mechanism for making donations. This will not be in place until later in January or February. In the meantime, if you want to put your name on the list as being interested in making a donation, please email a note to savepefac@gmail.com.

If you have any questions that are not addressed above, or comments, please email savepefac@gmail.com. Please do not ask our staff – for staff, it's business and service as usual delivering PEFAC programs to our members, with just a bit of personal stress added in. Please be caring, kind and appreciative. We will continue to keep you updated each month!