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I have read the Notice of Public Meeting - 270 Water Street.pdf ("Notice") and submit these written comments and questions.

The first paragraph of the Notice refers to the potential disposition of a portion of 270 Water Street, excluding the eastern balance of the property, being the lands more commonly known as the Discovery Centre. The second paragraph of the Notice states a portion of the City-owned property is under consideration to be disposed of through a public process "with the intent to maintain the eastern balance of the property, the building and the heritage designation." These two paragraphs appear to contradict each other. The first paragraph seems to indicate the Discovery Centre itself is to be included in the surplus declaration. The second paragraph seems to specifically indicate the City intends to maintain the eastern balance of the property, the building and the heritage designation,

i.e. the City is not planning to dispose of the Centre. Kindly clarify exactly what is and is not to be declared as surplus and potentially disposed of.

This identical ambiguity is present in the minutes of the November 12, 2024 Council meeting where Resolution 7.1 first authorizes the staff to initiate the intent to dispose of 270 Water Street process with the intent to maintain the building and heritage designations, excluding the eastern balance of the property. Resolution 7.1 then authorizes the staff to schedule a public meeting with respect to the potential disposition of "this building," excluding the eastern balance of the property. Does "this building" mean the Discovery Centre building is potentially to be disposed of or not?

Furthermore, an article titled "Public meeting on Stratford Normal School sale to be held" appeared on [Stratfordtoday.ca](https://www.stratfordtoday.ca) on November 15, 2024. The

first sentence of that article reads "The City of Stratford is gearing up to sell the former Stratford Normal School, but not before it holds a public meeting on the matter." Once again, the question is whether the City intends to potentially sell/dispose of the Discovery Centre building or retain the building?

Lastly, the public needs to know whether the Discovery Centre will be sold to the Stratford Festival for a de minimis amount and who will maintain the landscaping around the Discovery Centre if the Centre is retained.

Please respond in writing as I am not able to attend the January 16, 2025 Public Meeting.

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