



## **Re: Old Town Hall Closure Notice**

### **Mayor's Video Statement**

Videotaped Message was published on March 8, 2025.

“Good afternoon, everyone,

On behalf of HBM Council, I'd like to share an important update about our Old Town Hall. On **September 3rd**, our Town Council authorized a full building assessment study to ensure the long-term safety of this historic structure. This past Tuesday at Regular Council, we received a **Building Envelope Condition Assessment Report** from Accent Building Sciences.

**Accent Building Sciences**, the structural engineering and Building Science firm and author of the report, confirmed that while there are no visible signs the building will fail in the near future, it **must** undergo a number of structural remediation measures to remain safe. The Engineering firm has directed, that until these repairs are made, the building will be temporarily closed and deemed unsafe for use. We are in the process of taking the necessary steps to block off and ensure public safety and taking every precaution to prevent access until the repairs and necessary remediation measures are complete.

I understand this news may be concerning, and I know how important this space and historic building is to our community. Township staff will work closely with community groups, including the **Mid-Week Jammers**, **1st Havelock Scouts**, and the **Celebrate Havelock Committee**, to help find appropriate meeting spaces so they can continue to jam and meet regularly.

This is not an easy situation, but it is necessary. We must prioritize the safety of our residents and visitors, both now and in the future. I ask for your support and patience as we move forward with the further inspections and repairs.

Thank you for your understanding, and please know that we are committed to working through this matter as efficiently as possible.”