

Reader questions ?fiscal sense? of Armoury roof choice

Wow, Council sure can spend our tax dollars. Making the decision to clad the Armoury in a zinc roof at over 12 times the cost of a metal roof but only a life span 2 1/2 times longer than the metal appears to be a rather poor monetary decision.

How does that make any fiscal sense?

Pay \$30K today for a metal roof. At the rate of inflation, at the end of the metal roof's lifespan it would cost slightly over \$60K to replace. So, after 80 years the cost of a metal roof would be slightly over \$90K. However, Council chose to spend \$380K for a roof that would be coming to the end of its lifespan at the time the metal roof requires replacing.

If a metal roof were used, after 80 years, we would still be ahead by approximately \$290K.

Also, how can the Town architect propose such a fiscally irresponsible solution and then Council goes along with the recommendation?!

This is being very flippant and not fiscally responsible with our tax dollars.

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Editor's Note: The actual cost for the metal roof is \$200,000. The \$30,000 figure stems from other exterior work.