

## Possible solution to Museum issue?

(Re: Museum, Cultural Centre questioned as budget nears completion, November 26)

Let me get this straight!

The Aurora Historical Society (AHS) ? not to be confused with Aurora High School ? paid \$548,000 to help transform the Church Street School into the Aurora Heritage Centre (AHC). Instead, it became the Aurora Cultural Centre (ACC), not to be confused with the Aurora Community Centre.

Then, the AHS, apparently flush with money, sold its artefacts to the Town of Aurora for \$1, assuming they would be housed in the Aurora Museum and Archives. (AMA).

The AMA is located in the basement of the Church Street School, known as the ACC.

Now apparently the ACC wants to move the museum out of the Church Street School, much to the dismay of the AHS.

Perhaps the Petch House is available!

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(Editor's Note: Not quite. The AHS did pay out of its own coffers to transform the Church Street School into a Heritage Centre, which eventually evolved into the Aurora Cultural Centre. The AHS sold the Aurora Collection to the Town for \$1, not because they were flush with cash, but to ensure the Town would have the resources to maintain the artefacts effectively, something their cash flow situation did not allow. The AMA exhibition space is located in the Aurora Room on the ACC's second floor, but the building's basement is just one of a number of community locations where the artefacts are stored. Finally, the ACC suggested the museum being in the Church Street School has created a revenue problem. Moving the museum out of the building was an idea floated by some Councillors.)