

Riverview takes first step towards new town hall

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Riverview town council voted unanimously this week to take the first step toward the eventual creation of a new town hall.

Council awarded a contract of \$35,000 to consultant Guy LeBlanc to study the matter, determine the need for the new facility, what it should entail and what direction the town should take toward that goal.

The selection of the consultant was

moved by Coun.-at-large Charles Broderick.

Deputy Mayor Ann Seamans said LeBlanc comes "highly recommended" and was interviewed by council's ad hoc committee looking into the idea of a new town hall. "This is the needed first step for the project," she said.

With an acute requirement for more space, especially by the Riverview Public Library, talks of finding or constructing a new town hall have been bandied about for some time in the community. The current town hall is located on Fatima

Drive overlooking the western part of Riverview and the Petitcodiac River causeway.

Mayor Clarence Sweetland said the feeling among all the councillors is that the time has come when they have to start looking at the possibility of a new town hall.

"When it (the new town hall) will happen in the future, I don't know," said the mayor. "But right now, we require professional help to determine what we need for the new town hall that will be in the best interests of Riverview's future."