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Transit site analysis costs \$41,000

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Exterior of Civic Centre on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. (BRIAN KELLY/THE SAULT STAR/POSTMEDIA NETWORK)

Work done since 2020 on an environmental assessment for a new Sault Ste. Marie Transit Terminal on Huron Street cost about \$41,000.

City council decided last June to relocate the bus terminal from Queen and Dennis streets to 111 Huron St.

The assessment was presented to council at a June 14 meeting.

Council then asked municipal staff last month to consider the feasibility of building a new terminal at the current Queen and Dennis site.

Chief administrative officer Malcolm White told councillors at a meeting last Monday they will have information about costs to build at both sites when they meet again on July 12.

Mayor Christian Provenzano told Ward 3 Coun. Matthew Shoemaker he could move a motion to adjust the environmental assessment, or increase its scope, at that meeting. He has suggested the former Algoma Central Railway station at Station Mall as another possible alternative.

In a report to council, White said considering other downtown locations would require the environmental assessment to be amended. Such a move would add cost, about \$30,000, and time, pegged at four to six months, before a report could be brought to council.