

# AZILDA PUBLIC LIBRARY AND RAYSIDE BALFOUR MUSEUM



# Azilda Library Branch



- One of four neighbourhood branches within the Library's 13 branch system



# Azilda Branch Challenges



- **Very undersized**
  - Azilda 770 sq.ft.
  - Coniston 1,640 sq.ft.
  - Copper Cliff 3,200 sq.ft.
  - Levack/Onaping 2,800 sq.ft.
- **Inferior location and poor visibility**
  - Not on the main street in Azilda





# Rayside Balfour Museum



- Established in 1998 at the Lionel E. Lalonde Centre in Azilda
- Community raised \$20,000 (which currently sits in a City reserve fund)
- Depicts origins of logging and agriculture life from the Chelmsford and Azilda area
- Relocated in 2005 to the Chelmsford Library









# Rayside Balfour Museum Challenges



- Very little exhibit area or artifact storage space
- The move to the Chelmsford CSC was viewed as temporary until a suitable location in Azilda could be found

# Opportunity – Azilda Fire Hall



- Vacated by fire department as a result of relocating to the Lionel E. Lalonde Centre



# Azilda Fire Hall



- At 3,500 sq.ft., has ample space to house both the library and museum
- Ideal location in Azilda
  - On the main artery (St. Agnes St.)
  - Part of a 12 acre development that includes the Dr. Edgar Leclair Arena and the Rick MacDonald Memorial Park
  - Adjacent to a Seniors Complex and Youth Centre









# Azilda Fire Hall Challenges



- Retrofitting a building built in the 1950's
- Estimated retrofit cost of \$500,000



## Financial Plan - \$500,000

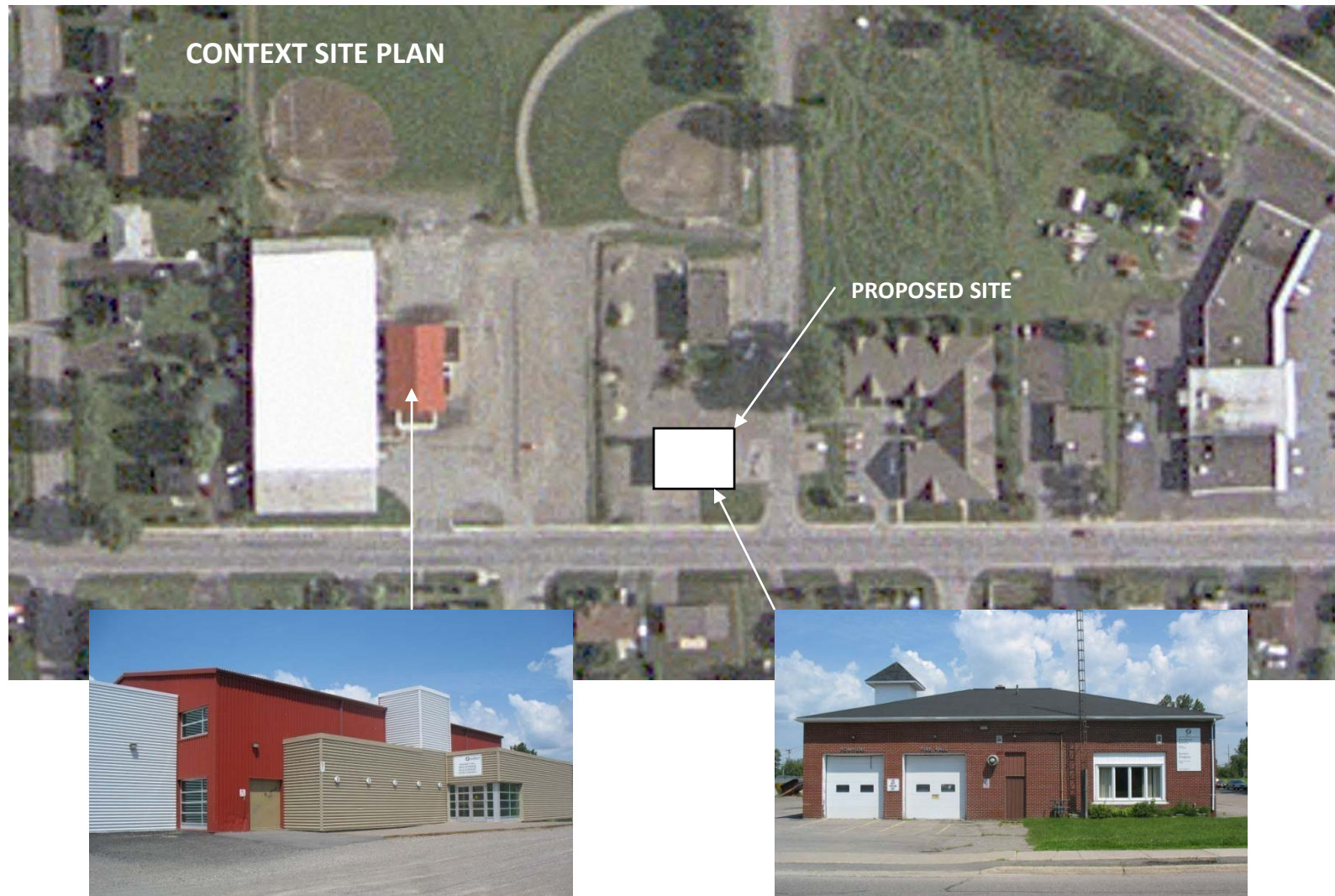


- **Community Development Capital Envelope - \$300,000**
- **Sale of existing library property - \$130,000**
- **Councillor Dutrisac one time budget request to support project - \$50,000**
- **Rayside Balfour Museum Reserve Fund - \$20,000**

# Potential Concept







## PROPOSED SCHEMATIC DESIGN







# Questions