

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Council Report

Report Number CS2017-011

Date: June 6, 2017
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Council Chambers

Ward Community Identifier: Lindsay

Subject: The Academy Theatre – Extenuating Circumstances – Lindsay
Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Fund 2017

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Recommendation(s):

RESOLVED THAT Report CS2017-011, The Academy Theatre – Extenuating Circumstances – Lindsay Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Fund 2017, be received; and,

THAT the Academy Theatre be approved for funding in the amount of \$20,000.00 with the allocation to come from the Lindsay Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Reserve (3.24310); and,

THAT the Academy Theatre be advised the project must be completed, including final reconciliation documentation (as per Policy C-150-CAO-037 Legacy Community Hydro Electric Systems Transfers (C.H.E.S.T.) Fund Grant Policy and Application), no later than September 30, 2017; and,

THAT the Academy Theatre further be advised this recommendation is based on a one time award for Extenuating Circumstances, and further emergency project requests will not be supported in the future until the organization can improve their self-sufficiency.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

At the Council meeting of October 4, 2016, recommendations were brought forward to make amendments to Policy C-150-CAO-037 Legacy Community Hydro Electric Systems Transfers (C.H.E.S.T.) Fund Grant Policy and Application.

The most notable change included but was not limited to:

- What the C.H.E.S.T. Fund will fund
 - The inclusion of “Extenuating Circumstances”. In occasional cases, anytime during the year, the fund may honour one-time requests from organizations of importance to the Town of Lindsay in dire need of financial assistance. The organization must demonstrate a willingness to work with a third party acceptable to the Committee to improve its financial viability (applicable to the Lindsay Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Fund only).

The Lindsay Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Fund Grant Committee has received an application from the Academy Theatre requesting emergency funds for “Extenuating Circumstances”.

This report is brought forward to Council to approve the release of funds from the Lindsay C.H.E.S.T. Fund Reserve. The application and review comments are summarized below.

Rationale:

During the 2017 Lindsay Legacy C.H.E.S.T. intake process the Academy Theatre submitted an application for various items relating to health and safety, technical upgrades, building structural integrity and general needs. The application was not approved due to the incomplete submission of prior year financial reconciliations.

The Lindsay Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Fund Grant Committee and members of the Academy Theatre met to discuss the reconciliation requirements and expectations. All prior year grants have been closed, with the exception of the approved 2016 grant. A draft financial reconciliation has been received.

As a result of not being approved during the 2017 allocation process, the Academy Theatre has submitted an application for “Extenuating Circumstances”.

In April 2017 the Academy Theatre proceeded with a critical project to address a sewer gas smell in the lower dressing room of the Theatre, due to numerous complaints and as a result of significant loss of rental business.

The drains were scoped twice, leading to an estimate of \$6,215.00, to break up the floor, excavate to the sewer pipe where there was a blockage, and replace the clay pipe with ABS pipe. The project turned out to require more work to re-route convoluted drains from two toilets, excavate to a greater depth (5') than anticipated, and along a greater length than originally planned to replace more of the vulnerable clay pipe. The resulting invoice is for \$14,125.00.

The Academy Theatre is struggling to find the funds to cover the cost of the completed work, as well; additional funds are required in order to install a suitable floor covering for the many performers who will be appearing this Spring. This cost is estimated at \$7,090.37.

The Lindsay Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Fund Grant Committee met, and made a recommendation to award \$20,000.00 to assist with the funding shortfall, with the following conditions:

- That the Academy Theatre be advised the project must be completed, including final reconciliation documentation (as per Policy C-150-CAO-037 Legacy Community Hydro Electric Systems Transfers (C.H.E.S.T.) Fund Grant Policy and Application), no later than September 30, 2017
- That the Academy Theatre further be advised this recommendation is based on a one time award for Extenuating Circumstances, and further emergency project requests will not be supported in the future until the organization can improve their self-sufficiency.

It should be noted that Community Care Foundation (2017 recipient) was not successful in obtaining requested funds from Ontario Trillium Foundation to partner with C.H.E.S.T. funds to complete the Splash Pad at Elgin Park. As a result the \$60,000.00 approved for this project was not issued and remains in the principal of the fund.

By awarding the Academy Theatre \$20,000.00 there will be no negative impact on the principle of the fund.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Council could choose to determine different funding allocations, however, this is not recommended in light of Council's decision to have an Advisory Committee to make such recommendations.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

Total 2017 interest earned	\$400,000.00
Retained earnings for inflation protection	(0.00)
Total available for 2017 distribution	<u>\$400,000.00</u>
Project recommendations	<u>(400,000.00)</u>
Remaining interest earned	\$ 0.00

Community Care Foundation not distributed	\$ 60,000.00
Award to the Academy Theatre	<u>(20,000.00)</u>
Surplus to remain in the Principle	\$ 40,000.00

Relationship of Recommendation(s) To The 2016-2019 Strategic Plan:

The recommendations within this report directly align with all Strategic Goals through our Value of Collaboration, namely:

- Goal 1 – A Vibrant and Growing Economy
- Goal 2 – An Exceptional Quality of Life

Consultations:

Lindsay Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Fund Grant Committee

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