

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Council Report

Report Number CS2017-012

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

Ward Community Identifier: Ward 7 and 13

Subject: Release of Bobcaygeon Library Expansion Reserve Funds

Author Name and Title: Craig Shanks, Director of Community Services

Recommendation(s):

RESOLVED THAT Report CS2017-012, **Release of Bobcaygeon Library Expansion Reserve Funds**, be received; and,

THAT Council release \$20,000.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund committed for Community Services – Bobcaygeon Library Expansion, for the purpose of completing a Bobcaygeon Library Concept Designs for inclusion into the Bobcaygeon Service Centre.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

At the Council Meeting of December 13 2016, Council adopted the following resolution:

CR2016-1274

THAT the surplus in LB1501- Bobcaygeon Library Expansions of \$280,500.00 be transferred to the Capital Reserve committed to Community Services until the Core Service Review is complete;

This report addresses that direction. There has been further direction provided to staff and the Library Board to review other possible options for the Library in Bobcaygeon. This action will address that direction.

Rationale:

Previously, a project to proceed with the expansion of the existing Bobcaygeon Library had been considered and approved. However, during the Core Services Review that project was put on hold and the committed budget put into the Community Services specific Capital Reserve Funds (\$280,500.00).

The intent was to allow the Library Board to complete their Core Services Review with recommendations on future Library branches and locations. That review is now complete and a proposed model has been endorsed which has reduced the number of branches. This new model still includes a Bobcaygeon Branch, one of the busiest branches in the City, and in fact an expanded branch with larger square footage is still required.

However, direction was provided to staff and the Library Board was requested to consider other possible options for expanding and improving the Library Services within Bobcaygeon. In 2001 the City previously looked at re-locating the Bobcaygeon Library branch into the Bobcaygeon Service Centre as a co-located facility. The release of the Reserve Funds would allow for a further review of that option and provide some preliminary design concepts.

Other Alternatives Considered:

No other alternatives have been considered for this report and action.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

The recommendations within this report will have no direct impact on the City's 2017 budget. Council had previously approved funds towards the Bobcaygeon Library Expansion project and those funds are currently in the Community Services specific Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$280,500.00. This report would see \$20,000.00 of that Fund released for the purpose of completing

Bobcaygeon Library Concept Designs for potential inclusion into the Bobcaygeon Service Centre as an option and would leave the balances of \$260,500.00 in the Capital Reserve.

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

This report addresses Goal 2 of the City's Strategic Plan.

- Goal 2 – An Exceptional Quality of Life

Through this potential option for the Bobcaygeon Library Expansion the need to provide better Library Services in a more ideal setting would allow for an Exceptional Quality of Life.

Link to Strategic Plan

<http://links/corpdocs/Corporate/2016%20Final%20Draft%20Strategic%20Plan%20-City%20of%20Kawartha%20Lakes.pdf>

Consultations:

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