

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes
Council Report

Report Number CS2019-013

Date: July 16, 2019
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Council Chambers

Ward Community Identifier: 3

Title: Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Funding Request

Description: Request from Powerlinks Committee to have funds released from Powerlinks Reserve for a design study of the Lower Gorge area

Author and Title: Craig Shanks, Director of Community Services

Recommendation(s):

That Report CS2019-013, **Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Funding Request**, be received; and,

That the Powerlinks Committee project to review the Lower Gorge area for potential boat docking be approved in the amount of \$25,000.00 with the allocation to come from the Powerlinks Reserve (1.32065).

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

At a recent Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee meeting the Committee discussed terms for the potential Lower George Redevelopment - an ambitious, long term vision for enhancing and pedestrianizing the lower gorge. Specifically, this includes;

- docking on south side of gorge
- docking on north side of gorge
- enhancements to Clifton Park
- a pedestrian bridge over the gorge
- an accessible pathway from the park to the docking on the north side of the gorge.

The Committee agreed these would all be exciting additions for Fenelon Falls.

To facilitate discussion and as a means to pursue land acquisition and determine priority, the Committee suggested Powerlinks proceed with design and engineering for these projects to assist with scope and budget. The committee agreed, save for engineering. It was felt that aspect of the project should be researched individually only after community partners come forward in support of the project. It was suggested that the Committee focus on design concept only at this time.

At the November 8th, 2018 Powerlinks Committee meeting the following resolution was passed:

That the Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee of Council requests Council approve \$25,000 to be released from the Powerlinks Fund for the purpose of providing a design study and illustrations of envisioned improvements to the Fenelon Falls Lower Gorge area.

Passed

This report is provided to Council to request the release of \$25,000.00 for the Powerlinks Reserve (1.32065).

Rationale:

The Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee is a Committee of Council mandated to manage and make recommendations to Council for the use of the Powerlinks Reserve Fund for the betterment and enhancement of Fenelon Falls.

The Committee is further interested in developing the lower gorge area for more boat traffic and docking for Fenelon Falls. This will entail docking, property enhancement, walkways and accessibility items.

The total cost of the design project is estimated at \$25,000.00. It is understood that this is a design and conceptual drawing project that would have future costs

associated. The intent would be to find funding partners and land partners if the project were supported and implemented.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Council could choose not to allocate Powerlinks Funds for this project, or could choose to provide funds from some other source.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

The Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Reserve (1.32065) has a balance (2018 yearend) of \$285,758.91. With the recommendations outlined within this report, if approved the balance remaining will be \$260,758.91 for distribution in further years.

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

The recommendation within this Report contributes to the Council Adopted Strategic Plan. It can identify one of the Goals, namely:

- Goal 1 – A Vibrant and Growing Economy
- Goal 2 – An Exceptional Quality of Life
- Goal 3 – A Healthy Environment

Link to Strategic Plan

<http://links/corpdocs/Corporate/2016%20Strategic%20Plan%20-%20City%20of%20Kawartha%20Lakes.pdf?Web=1>

Consultations:

Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee
Councillor Elmslie
Treasury

Attachments:

Attachment A – Minutes from November 18, 2018 Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee Meeting



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