

# The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

## Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number CS2019-015

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**Date:** October 8, 2019  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Council Chambers

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**Ward Community Identifier:** 3

**Title:** Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Funding Request

**Description:** Request from Powerlinks Committee to have funds released from Powerlinks Reserve for installation of stairs and railings by the Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society

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### Recommendation(s):

**That** Report CS2019-015, **Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Funding Request**, be received;

**That** the Powerlinks Committee contribute \$5,335.00 to the Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society with the allocation to come from the Powerlinks Reserve (1.32065).

**That** this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

**Department Head:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial/Legal/HR/Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Administrative Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Background:**

The Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee has received a request from the Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society requesting a contribution for the installation of stairs and railings at the Terrace Gardens located at the North East side of Trent Severn Waterway Lock 34. The Terrace Garden encompasses an upper tier, lower tier, and rock garden. Last year it became evident to the Horticultural Society that the steps connecting the upper and lower tiers were in serious disrepair and posed a health and safety concern. The Society has removed the overgrown shrubbery and installed new stone stairs. A new railing will be installed in the near future as well as garden work to the area left of the stairs.

At the August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Powerlinks Committee meeting the following resolution was passed:

**The Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee of Council requests that Council approve up to \$5,335.00 from our budget, 50% matching funds with the Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society, for the installation of stairs, removal of junipers and the installation of railings on the Terrace Garden at the lower level of the locks.**

**Passed**

This report is provided to Council to request the release of \$5,335.00 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 total cost of the repair work done by the Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society is \$10,667.00. The new stairs and removal of overgrown shrubbery was \$8,972.00 and the remaining \$1,695.00 will go towards the installation of a new railing. The Horticultural Society is requesting \$5,335.00 from the Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Reserve to cover fifty percent of the total cost.

## **Other Alternatives Considered:**

Council could choose not to allocate Powerlinks Funds for this project.

## **Financial/Operation Impacts:**

The Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Reserve (1.32065) has a balance (2018 yearend) of \$285,758.91. As per resolution CR2019-044 \$25,000 was approved to be

disbursed to support the review of the Lower Gorge Area in Fenelon Falls on July 16, 2019. With this previous resolution and the recommendations outlined within this report, if approved the balance remaining will be \$255,423.91 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

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