

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Council Report

Report Number CS2020-003

Meeting Date: January 28, 2020

Title: Release of Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T Funds

Ward Number: Fenelon Falls

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Recommendation(s):

That Report CS2020-003, Release of Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Funds, be received; and

That the Maryboro Lodge – The Fenelon Museum be approved for funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 with the allocation to come from the Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Reserve (3.24350); and

That Snowshoe Kawartha be approved for funding in the amount of \$2,500.00 with the allocation to come from the Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Reserve (3.24350).

Department Head:_____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other:_____

Chief Administrative Officer:_____

Background:

Grant applications for the disposition of Fenelon Falls residual C.H.E.S.T. funding have been received by Community Services Administration on behalf of community interests. The local Councillor is supportive of these requests. Total funding requested is \$12,500.00. As per the last financial update received from Treasury dated January – November 2019 there is \$158,943.00 of residual funding available for distribution.

Residual fund distributions are treated in the same manner, and subject to the same criteria as the ongoing C.H.E.S.T. funding programs in Lindsay and Bobcaygeon. The distribution of these funds is also subject to requirement for a full reconciliation of costs at the end of the project.

This report is brought forward to Council to approve the release of funds from the Fenelon Falls C.H.E.S.T. Fund Reserve (3.24350). The applications and review comments are summarized below.

Rationale:

Maryboro Lodge – The Fenelon Museum

Maryboro Lodge - The Fenelon Museum was founded in 1963 as a community history museum. They offer a variety of programs for all ages including afternoon teas, senior social programs, a one room summer school house, the Allen Wood Play Space (featuring the Kawartha Lakes Heritage of Toy Manufacturing), a speaker series, and a variety of exhibits on the history of Kawartha Lakes.

The first annual KidsFest was held in 2019 with great success. This free family festival featured prominent children's musical performers, a variety of activities inspired by the Kawartha's history of toy manufacturing, and a variety of arts and crafts. In its second year the event will continue to be held on Labour Day weekend but will expand to a three day event with a focus on highlighting the accomplishments of local youth (music, dance, art, science, technology, engineering and math) with a special focus on exploring how sound and music are made. This will be accomplished by vastly expanding the hands on educational offerings such as activities that teach introductions to music, sound, construction, friction and much more.

In order to offer these events Maryboro Lodge – The Fenelon Museum is seeking \$10,000.00 to help pay for the cost of musical performers, advertising, and many small purchases for the numerous children's activities that are offered.

Snowshoe Kawartha

Snowshoe Kawartha has developed into a significant community initiative. Over the last three years the event has been selected by Snowshoe Canada to join the Ontario Cup competition. In 2018 Snowshoe Kawartha expanded its event to include a children's event which set a new world record with over 125 students racing 500 meters. In 2019 the children's challenge continued and Snowshoe Kawartha hosted the Ontario Championships drawing participants from all across Ontario. Also in 2019 Snowshoe Kawartha hosted the first snowshoe event in the history of Canada to have 75% of its competitors comprised of females.

The event this year will take place on Saturday, February 1, 2020 and Snowshoe Kawartha will continue to host the Ontario Championships, the Athletics Ontario Championships, as well as laying the groundwork to become a Regional Special Olympics Competition.

Snowshoe Kawartha is requesting \$2,500.00 from the Fenelon Falls C.H.E.S.T. Funds to cover costs of these races. Priorities include funds to obtain the Special Olympics Certification, Snowshoe Canada Certification, event insurance and will assist with the cost of event timing and hall rental.

Other Alternatives Considered:

This report is brought to Council at the request of the Ward Councillor in keeping with the established policy for disposition of residual C.H.E.S.T. funds in the absence of a community committee. No alternative has been considered.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

The Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Fund has residual funds remaining in the amount of \$158,943.00. With the recommendations outlined within this report if approved will leave a balance of \$146,443.00 for further distribution in future years.

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
- Goal 3 – A Healthy Environment

In addition this report aligns with all Strategic Goals as outlined in the proposed 2020-2023 Strategic Plan as presented to Council at Committee of the Whole meeting of January 14, 2020, namely:

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

- Goal 3 – A Healthy Environment
- Goal 4 – Good Government

Review of Accessibility Implications of Any Development or Policy:

N/A

Servicing Implications:

N/A

Consultations:

Councillor Elmslie

Treasury

Attachments:

N/A

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