

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number ED2020-019

Meeting Date: September 1, 2020

Title: Deferral of the Kawartha Lakes Cultural Centre Task Force

Description: Report to defer the Kawartha Lakes Cultural Centre Task Force and the 2020 Cultural Centre Feasibility Study due to COVID-19

Ward Number: All

Author and Title: Donna Goodwin, Economic Development Officer – Arts & Culture

Recommendation(s):

That Report ED2020-019, **Kawartha Lakes Cultural Centre Task Force**, be received;

That the request for deferral received from the Kawartha Lakes Arts Council and the Kawartha Cultural and Heritage Network of the **Kawartha Lakes Cultural Centre Task Force** and the 2020 Cultural Centre Feasibility study be granted;

That the \$50,000 budgeted for the project be extended to reflect the new timeframe;

That the Term of the Taskforce be extended one year to March 31, 2022; and

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:

At the Special Council Meeting of November 26, 2019, Council adopted the following resolution:

CR2019-672

That Decision Unit Identifier 202, Cultural Centre Feasibility Study in the amount of \$50,000.00, be added to the 2020 Special Projects Budget.

Carried

At the Council Meeting of January 28, 2020, Council adopted the following resolution:

CW2020-011

That Report ED2020-002, Kawartha Lakes Cultural Centre Task Force, be received; and

That the Terms of Reference for the Kawartha Lakes Cultural Centre Task Force in the form of Appendix A to report ED2020-002 be approved and adopted by Council.

Carried

At the Council Meeting of March 19, 2020 the following members of the public be appointed to the Kawartha Lakes Culture Centre Task Force:

CR2020-104

Susan Taylor for a term ending March 31, 2021

Beverly Jeeves for a term ending March 31, 2021

Dianne Lister for a term ending March 31, 2021

Patrick Murphy for a term ending March 31, 2021

Barbara Doyle for a term ending March 31, 2021.

Carried

This report addresses that direction.

Rationale:

Since the Council meeting of March 19, 2020 appointing the Task Force members for the Cultural Centre Feasibility Study, the COVID-19 pandemic

forced the shutdown of non-emergency municipal activities once the emergency was declared.

Council had establishing a Task Force to support the 2020 Cultural Centre Feasibility Study. The blending of public and private dollars to fund the hiring of a consultant necessitated the establishment of a public process with community and administrative oversight.

The Task Force was to stand for one year with a mission to provide advice and recommendations to Council and Staff to:

- Participate in the RFP process
- Assess the proposed model of a Cultural Centre/hub
- Recommendations for a proposed site(s) following up on the City's Core Services review
- Recommendations for associated capital and operating model(s)
- Review and recommend potential funding sources
- Recommend potential governance models

Staff had developed the Terms of Reference and the five Task Force appointments were in effect until March 31, 2021.

The cessation of all non-emergency work due to COVID-19 has greatly altered the work and associated timelines associated with this project. Thus, the community partners: Kawartha Lakes Arts Council and the Kawartha Culture and Heritage Network have passed motions requesting a deferral to April 1, 2021.

A revised Terms of Reference is attached as Appendix A.

Other Alternatives Considered:

No other alternatives were considered.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

A \$50,000 contribution to the feasibility study was included in the Special Projects budget for 2020. This is to be matched with \$50,000 from the Kawartha Lakes Arts Council.

Relationship of Recommendation(s) to the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan:

The striking of a Task Force to undertake a Cultural Centre Feasibility Study responds to Goal 2 of the Council Adopted 2020-2023 Strategic Plan.

Goal 2 – An Exceptional Quality of Life

Objective 2.1: Improve the Health and Wellbeing of residents

Activity 2.1.5: Update and Execute the Cultural Master Plan
Support and promote arts, cultural and heritage

Consultations:

Cultural Centre Committee Working Group

Attachments:

Appendix A - Terms of Reference



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Appendix B – Budget Brief



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