



Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number: **PRC2021-002**

Meeting Date: April 6, 2021

Title: **50/50 Community Project Capital Fund**

Description: 2021 Allocation

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Recommendation(s):

That Report PRC-2021-002, **50/50 Community Project Capital Fund**, be received;
and,

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

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other:_____

Chief Administrative Officer:_____

Background:

The 50/50 Community Project Capital Funding Initiative has been operating since 2003. The Parks, Recreation and Culture Division has partnered with community groups to successfully complete 230 community projects. Enhancements to local parks, community centres and sports fields have been completed through local volunteer efforts and funding provided through the 50/50 Community Project Capital Funding Initiative.

This report provides recommendations on the 2021 allocation of these capital resources.

Rationale:

The intent of this report is to allocate the 2021 50/50 Community Project Capital Funding in a timely manner in order to allow our community partners to successfully complete their projects during the 2021 calendar year. While policy provides for approval from the Director, this report will share with Council the funding requests received, and the planned allocations so Council is aware of initiatives occurring throughout the City.

Staff were directed to modify the 2021 50/50 Community Project Capital Funding Program application process by waiving the requirement for a matching contribution from applicants as recommended by the Community Pandemic Recovery Task Force. To accommodate this directive the budget for the 50/50 Community Project Capital Fund was increased to \$160,000.00 for 2021.

As per the 2021 budget total funding available for distribution in 2021 is \$160,000.00. Policy MD-2018-006 invites Community Organizations to make one application per year. The maximum project funding for 2021 is \$15,000.00 with the matching funds requirement waived for 2021.

The application deadline was October 31, 2020 for projects planned in 2021. All applications have been evaluated based on the established funding criteria.

A total of six applications were received by the deadline. Only three projects are being recommended to receive funding at this time. As stated in the policy, a second intake for organizations that missed the deadline will have a deadline of July 31, 2021.

Table 1 – 50/50 Community Project Capital Funding Allocation 2021

Community Group	Project	Project Cost	Amount Recommended
Dunsford Community Centre	Gardens, stairs, railing	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Environmental Action Bobcaygeon	Restore edgewood dry stack wall	\$60,000.00	\$0.00
Kawartha Works Community Co-op	Grove amphitheatre signage	\$7,500.00	\$0.00
Kinmount CC Volunteer Management Committee	Recycling containers and planters	\$14,335.26	\$14,335.26
Maryboro Lodge	Multi use room, pathways, lights, fans, trailer	\$20,165.00	\$8,815.00
Victoria Road Community Association	Ball diamond bleachers	\$7,195.84	\$7,195.84
6			\$30,346.10

Funding has been recommended based on the information and budget provided in each application and the eligible capital funding project criteria.

Three organizations have been recommended to receive funding. The application from Kinmount for recycling containers and planters has been recommended to receive funding in the amount of \$14,335.26. The application from the Maryboro Lodge has been recommended to receive \$8,815.00, the trailer portion of the project was not an eligible improvement to park or facility. The Victoria Road Community Association project has been recommended to receive \$7,195.84 in funding for the bleacher project.

The application from the Dunsford Community Centre was incomplete, the organization has been provided the opportunity to submit the required information. The application from Environmental Action Bobcaygeon for the dry stack wall is not eligible as the project is not an improvement to a city park or facility. The application from the Kawartha Works Community Co-op for signage is also not an improvement to a city park or facility.

Groups have been advised and funding disbursements have begun based on Policy. Organizations will receive a confirmation letter that will include provisions to ensure that all liabilities, insurance, permits and permission required for each individual project are met in accordance with City Policy. Funding is pending project approval by the facility supervisor or manager.

A reconciliation from each organization must be returned to the City for the purpose of project audits.

Other Alternatives Considered:

The allocations recommended follow the 50/50 Community Project Capital Funding Initiative Management Directive MD-2018-006 and attempt to support the maximum number of eligible projects within existing approval levels.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

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

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

[Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan 2020-2023](#)

Financial/Operation Impacts:

The recommendations within this report allow for the allocation of the 2021 50/50 Community Project Capital Fund Initiative as per the policy and within the budget of \$160,000.00.

Upon distribution of the recommended funding the 2021 50/50 Community Project Capital Fund Initiative will have a balance of \$129,653.90 in remaining funds for a second round of funding, for applications received by July 31, 2021 as per Policy MD-2018-006. It is believed, due to the pandemic, fewer applications were received by the first round deadline. It is anticipated as we move out of the pandemic and organizations resume operations the 50-50 fund will support additional groups with funding for various community projects.

2021 Funding Available	\$160,000.00
2021 Recommended Allocation	\$ 30,346.10
Total 2021 Funding Remaining	\$129,653.90

Consultations:

Funding requests from various community groups.

Attachments:

N/A

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