



Council Report

Report Number: CS2021-005
Meeting Date: June 15, 2021
Title: Release of Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Funds
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Recommendation(s):

That Report CS2021-005, Release of Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Funds, be received;

That; Fenelon Falls & District Chamber of Commerce be approved for funding in the amount of \$8,000.00 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:

A grant application for the disposition of Fenelon Falls residual C.H.E.S.T. funding has been received by Community Services Administration on behalf of community interests. The local Councillor is supportive of this request. Total funding requested is \$8,000.00. As per the last financial update received from Treasury dated January – March 2021 there is \$96,834.37 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 application and review comments are summarized below.

Rational:

Through the Fenelon Falls & District Chamber of Commerce the Village Improvement Committee was formed to promote the village of Fenelon Falls by beautifying public spaces for local residents, seasonal residents and visitors to enjoy. Through cooperation with the Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society the Village Improvement Committee is responsible for the daily watering, fertilizing, and caring of hanging baskets, bridge planters, and large street side planters.

In order to facilitate the watering of these plants a garden tractor with the ability to haul a water tank and trailer is required. Watering takes place seven days a week from early June to early October (weather permitting). The tractor previously used by the Village Improvement Committee is no longer able to be repaired. To keep costs low the Committee searched for a second hand tractor that could hold the weight of the water tank and fit through the pedestrian walkway over the bridge in Fenelon Falls. Through the Fenelon Falls & District Chamber of Commerce the Village Improvement Committee is requesting \$8,000.00 to purchase a used tractor.

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.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

The recommendations in this report align with the following strategic priority within 2020-2023 Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan:

An Exceptional Quality of Life – enhancing community areas and encouraging social and healthy interactions.

A Vibrant and Growing Economy – supporting downtown areas to ensure our communities have a strong core.

Good Government – working collaboratively with local groups to foster teamwork within our communities.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

The Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Fund has residual funds remaining in the amount of \$96,567.99. Resolution CR2021-237 was passed by Council at the May 18, 2021 Council meeting granting \$5,000.00 to Kawartha Works Community Co-operative. Therefore, with the approval of that grant and the recommendation outlined within this report if approved a balance of \$83,567.99 remains for further distribution.

Servicing Implications:

There are no servicing implications as a result of this report.

Consultations:

Councillor Ward 3

Treasury

Attachments:

N/A

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