



Council Report

Report Number: CS2021-008
Meeting Date: September 21, 2021
Title: Release of Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Funds
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Recommendation(s):

That Report CS2021-008, Release of Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Funds, be received; and,

That \$14,739 be released from the Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Reserve Fund to the Fenelon Falls Horticulture Society for waterfront projects; and,

That \$4,000 be released from the Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Reserve Fund to Kawartha Works Community Cooperative Inc. for the supply and installation of a bike repair station; and,

That \$35,000 be released from the Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Reserve Fund to the Powerlinks Committee for the purpose of a structural design of the Fenelon Falls Boardwalk area.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

At a recent Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee meeting, the Committee passed the following motion:

Moved by: C. Appleton

Seconded By: S. Barrett

That Council be requested to fund the Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society from the Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Fund for \$14,739.00 for waterfront projects in Fenelon Falls.

Carried

The following projects to take place are outlined below:

- Replacement of decrepit railing on the lower level of the gorge and install new shrubs
- Stone edging around the bell and along the pathway
- Replace day lilies with shrubs around the upper level docking
- Repair the lighting on the sail marker at the waterfront

The Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee also passed the following motion at their recent meeting:

Moved by: S. Barrett

Seconded By: B. Rump

That Council be requested to fund the Kawartha Works Community Cooperative Inc. from the Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Fund for up to \$4000.00 for a bike repair station for the Kawartha Community Cooperative Inc.

Carried

This will include the purchase and installation of a bike repair station.

The Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee also passed a third resolution as follows:

Moved by: Councillor Elmslie

Seconded By: S. Barrett

That Council be requested to release up to \$35,000 to proceed with the structural design of the Fenelon Falls Boardwalk as per quote submitted by R & J Machinery.

Carried

The scope of services included in the boardwalk project are as follows:

- Structural design of new boardwalk
- Structural input on tree wells, guard rails, ledger connections, and accessibility components
- Provision of full design/engineering on architectural drawings
- Perform site visits and meetings as required

Rationale:

The Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee oversees and makes recommendations to Council regarding the use of the Powerlinks Fund to be used for the betterment and enhancement of Parks and Recreation in the village of Fenelon Falls.

The Committee is dedicated to enhancing the Fenelon Falls tourist appeal and visitor attraction by continuing to support projects along the waterfront area. The work proposed by the Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society will repair and replace various items to make the waterfront area safer and more visually appealing.

The Kawartha Works Community Co-op oversees the bikes and rental station on the waterfront by the Fenelon Falls Locks. This very successful program provides bikes for visitors, tourists, and members of the community to explore the waterfront, village, and trails around Fenelon Falls. As the bikes are getting older and with increased usage a bike repair station would be beneficial to maintain the bikes and continue to offer this program to the Community.

As the Powerlinks Committee continues their study of enhancements to the lower and upper gorge areas of Fenelon Falls, a design to determine best use of the boardwalk area is required. This includes a structural design of a new boardwalk approximately 1,200 feet long and 6-8 feet wide. Drawings will include full design/engineering components and will be provided to the Committee for their use.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Council could choose not to allocate Powerlinks Funds for these projects, or could choose to provide funds from another source.

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 Powerlinks Reserve (1.32065) has a balance of \$838,018.90. With the recommendations outlined within this report, if approved the balance remaining will be \$784,225.90 for distribution in further years.

Servicing Implications:

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

Consultations:

Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee
Treasury

Attachments:

n/a

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