



Council Report

Report Number: CS2022-007
Meeting Date: April 19, 2022
Title: Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee Term of Council Update
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Recommendation(s):

That Report CS2022-007, **Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee Term of Council Update**, be received.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

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.

Attached as Appendix A is a detailed Report to Council prepared by the Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee which outlines how grant revenue is generated, projects that were completed during the recent Term of Council, and future plans of the Committee.

Over the course of the recent Term of Council the Committee was instrumental in renegotiating the contract with Orillia Power for the operation of the electrical generating station located in Fenelon Falls. The Committees dedication and hard work resulted in a significant increase in the royalty payment schedule as well as a large signing bonus allowing greater grant revenue to be used on future projects within the village of Fenelon Falls. This has resulted in the Powerlinks Fund Reserve now totalling approximately \$840,000, increased from approximately \$330,000 prior to re-negotiation in 2020. This is an extremely positive reflection on the Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee and their hard work and efforts.

Also during the recent Term, the following projects were recommended by the Committee and approved by Council:

Community Group	Amount	Description
Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society	\$15,000.00	Rain Garden
Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society	\$5,335.00	North Gorge stairs and railing, terrace gardens
Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society	\$14,739.00	Stair railing replacement, stone edging, shrubs, lighting repairs
Fenelon Arts Committee	\$10,000.00	Sculpture project for rain garden
Garnet Graham Park	\$25,000.00	Redevelopment of the Munchie Hut, washroom, and splash pad
Fenelon Theater Marquee Sign	\$10,000.00	Rehabilitation and installation of sign
Wayfaring Signage	\$14,350.00	Rock signage, engraving and placement
Lighting the Falls	\$1,500.00	For negotiating Terms of Reference with Trent Severn Waterway
Kawartha Works Cooperative	\$4,000.00	Rental Bicycle Repair Station

Community Group	Amount	Description
Lower Gorge Development	\$25,000.00	Design and study of lower gorge docking and bridge
Lower Gorge Development	\$35,000.00	Detailed estimated on costing for shoreline landscaping, structural design for boardwalks, potential docking tie-offs, potential pavilion and bridge.
TOTAL:	\$159,924.00	

In this final year of the current Term, the Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee will continue to actively pursue docking in the lower gorge area of the falls, and the installation of a pedestrian bridge over the River at Clifton Street. Both projects will seek to enhance the village for both residents and tourists. The Committee will also continue to consider other projects enhancing the village of Fenelon Falls as the need arises.

Rationale:

There is no annual reporting requirement within the Committee's approved Terms of Reference therefore this Term of Council update is being provided to Council by the Committee for their information on the accomplishments and activities during the last four-year term of Council.

Other Alternatives Considered:

No other alternatives are recommended.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities:

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

A Vibrant and Growing Economy – supporting our community parks and trails to encourage tourism and so that our communities have a strong core.

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

A Healthy Environment – protecting and preserving natural areas while providing and maintain parks and trails for community use.

Good Government – working collaboratively with members of our community to foster teamwork within our communities.

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

Financial/Operation Impacts:

This is a volunteer Advisory Committee with no financial/operation impacts.

Servicing Implications:

There are no servicing implications associated with this report.

Consultations:

Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee

Attachments:

Appendix A – Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee Report to Council



Appendix A -
Fenelon Falls Power

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