



Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number: CS2022-008
Meeting Date: May 3, 2022
Title: Release of Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Funds
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Recommendation(s):

That Report CS2022-008, Release of Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Funds be received; and,

That \$150,000 be released from the Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Reserve Fund to the Fenelon Falls Chamber of Commerce for a site design study of a lower gorge pedestrian crossing; 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 Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee meeting of Council Meeting of March 29, 2022, the Committee adopted the following resolution:

Moved by: S. Barrett
Seconded By: C. Appleton

That Council be requested to release up to \$150,000 from the Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Fund to the Fenelon Falls and District Chamber of Commerce to contract W G Jackett and Sons Construction, as attached.

Carried

The scope of work includes a design of suitable access roads, pedestrian walkways, sidewalks, parking lot, crane pad, and assembly area and is broken down as follows:

- Geo-Technical
- Surveying
- Civil Engineering
- Illustration and Drawings for Permits
- Administration/Site Meetings/Contingency

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.

As the Powerlinks Committee continues their study of enhancements to the lower and upper gorge areas of Fenelon Falls it has determined the need for a lower gorge pedestrian crossing. While preliminary costs to supply a pre-engineered structure to cross the river have been obtained it is necessary to complete a number of site studies first, including geotechnical studies to prove stability.

The Committee recommends W.G. Jackett & Sons Construction Ltd to complete this work as they have completed all of the previous dock and waterfront preparations and have existing knowledge of the area and projects.

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:

1. An Exceptional Quality of Life – enhancing community areas and encouraging social and healthy interactions.
2. A Vibrant and Growing Economy – supporting downtown areas to ensure our communities have a strong core.
3. Good Government – working collaboratively with local groups to foster teamwork within our communities.

The Strategic Plan is available on SharePoint at the following link:

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

Financial/Operation Impacts:

The Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Reserve (1.32065) has a balance of \$841,897.00 as of December 31, 2021. With the recommendations outlined within this report, if approved the balance remaining will be \$691,897.00.

Servicing Implications:

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

Consultations:

Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee
Treasury

Attachments:

Appendix A: Project Quote



Jacket Quote - Site
Prep Study.pdf

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