



Council Report

Report Number: CS2022-010

Meeting Date: July 19, 2022

Title: Release of Fenelon Falls C.H.E.S.T. Funds

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Recommendation(s):

That Report CS2022-010, Release of Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Funds, be received; and,

That the Kawartha Works Community Co-operative be approved for funding in the amount of \$7,500.00 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 \$7,500.00. As per the last financial update received from Treasury dated January – March 2022 there is \$87,964.89 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.

Rationale:

Kawartha Works Community Co-operative, Inc. (KWCC) was formed in 2015 to assist with the development of community initiatives in the City of Kawartha Lakes. KWCC's purpose is to improve the social infrastructure in Kawartha Lakes by enabling the creation, development and management of not-for-profit initiatives with artistic, cultural, recreational, health, environmental, economic and social improvement aims.

KWCC is a co-operative of individual members and is organized to allow its members to start new projects and initiatives that are of interest and benefit to its members and to the community.

KWCC has a network of members with a variety of community connections of shared information and experience. Participating initiatives range from family support networking (ABLE) to community consultation (Fenelon Forward), music events (Fenelon Live!), summer and winter festivals, housing planning, town beautification (Impact 32) and bike rentals in Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls. The latest initiatives include the Fenelon Arts Committee (sculpture project) and Grove Theatre (outdoor amphitheatre and summer theatre production for 2021 and now 2022) at the Fenelon fairgrounds.

KWCC is currently requesting \$7,500.00 to install three wayfinding signs for the Grove Theatre. These signs would provide greater accessibility to the theatre with more clear

direction for patrons and would aid in the redevelopment of the downtown core by highlighting the community's involvement in arts and culture. They would also raise awareness about the theatre in the community for local residents and visitors to our region.

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.

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

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

Financial/Operation Impacts:

As of March 31, 2022 the Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Fund has residual funds remaining in the amount of \$87,964.89. With the approval of the recommendation outlined within this report if approved a balance of \$80,464.89 remains for further distribution.

Servicing Implications:

KWCC is required to work with applicable land owners and divisions of Kawartha Lakes regarding location and placement of signs.

Consultations:

Councillor Ward 3

Treasury

Attachments:

N/A

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