

Council Report

Report Number:	CS2023-002
Meeting Date:	March 21, 2023
Title:	Release of Fenelon Falls C.H.E.S.T. Funds
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Recommendation(s):

That Report CS2023-002, Release of Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Funds, be received; and,

That the Fenelon Falls Curling Club be approved for funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 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 aware of this request. Total funding requested is \$5,000.00. As per the last financial update received from Treasury until the end of 2022 there is \$81,735.82 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:

The Fenelon Falls Curling Club was formed in 1892 and has been an integral part of the Fenelon Falls and surrounding community since. Their mission is to provide a welcoming and friendly environment for recreational and social activities to participants of all ages, abilities, and skill levels. In addition to providing these opportunities the Fenelon Falls Curling Club is an active participant within the Fenelon Falls community, hosting various competitions in events to benefit local charities and support community groups.

The Fenelon Falls Curling Club is looking to create a fully accessible building to allow inclusive participation and to align with the City of Kawartha Municipal Accessibility Master Plan and with the Accessibility for Ontarians Act (AODA). To assist with achieving this the Fenelon Falls Curling Club is requesting \$5,000 from the Fenelon Falls C.H.E.S.T. Fund to move forward with a feasibility study to determine the necessary upgrades and construction at the present site. This study would also advise the necessary planning and code requirements of the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Other Alternatives Considered:

This report is brought to Council by staff 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 December 31, 2022 the Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Fund has residual funds remaining in the amount of \$81,735.82. With the approval of the recommendation outlined within this report if approved a balance of \$76,735.82 remains for further distribution.

Servicing Implications:

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

Consultations:

Mayor Councillor Ward 3 Treasury

Attachments:

N/A

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