

Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number:	CS2023-003
Meeting Date:	June 6, 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 Turkey Trot be approved for funding in the amount of \$6,000.00 with the allocation to come from the Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Reserve (3.24350).

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:

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 \$6,000.00. As per the last financial update received from Treasury there was \$81,735.82 of residual funding available for distribution at the end of December 2022. In March of 2023 Council approved release of \$5,000 to the Fenelon Falls Curling Club leaving a balance of \$76,735.82.

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 Turkey Trot is an inclusive health and wellness fitness fun run that has been in operation since 2016. The mission statement of the organization is to provide an opportunity for the local community to engage in a fitness event that is available for all ages. The run includes a 1km kids run, a 5km family fun run, and a 10k run for more experienced runners. The event also includes a post event massage, lunch, awards, and music. Currently there are no other fitness events like this held over Thanksgiving Weekend.

The Fenelon Falls Turkey Tort relies on funding from donations and registrations to put on their event. Their request for \$6,000 would go towards costs associated with the event such as timing mechanisms, awards, food, tent rental, race shirts, and other items required to operate the race. Net proceeds from the race will be donated to the Fenelon Falls Santa Day Event.

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 other 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. A previous 2023 award of \$5,000.00 left the balance at \$76,735.82. With the approval of the recommendation outlined within this report if a balance of \$71,735.82 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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