



Council Report

Report Number: CS2023-006

Meeting Date: August 29, 2023

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

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Recommendation(s):

That Report CS2023-006, Release of Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Funds, be received; and,

That the Fenelon Agricultural Society be approved for funding in the amount of \$12,000.00 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 \$12,000.00. As per the last financial update received from Treasury \$72,390.47 of residual funding is 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 Agricultural Society was established in 1888. The Society was established to encourage awareness of agricultural within the community and to promote improvements in agriculture to better the quality of life of those living in the agricultural community. The Society exists and operates under the Agricultural & Horticultural Organizations Act for the Province of Ontario, which is administered for the provincial government by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. The Fenelon Fair is the main annual event run by the members of the Fenelon Agricultural Society.

The Fenelon Fairgrounds is maintained by the Agricultural Society throughout the Summer for the Fenelon Fall Fair as well as other events. Currently, the maintenance is done entirely by volunteers who use their own equipment and gas. The Society is requesting \$12,000.00 from the Fenelon Falls C.H.E.S.T. fund to go towards the purchase of a lawn tractor to be used on a regular basis by volunteers.

Other Alternatives Considered:

This report is brought to Council as per the process for disposition of residual funds within the Fenelon Falls C.H.E.S.T. Fund. The application submitted by the Fenelon Agricultural Society was reviewed by staff and meets the requirements for funding therefore no other alternatives are being 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:

Currently the Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Fund has residual funds remaining in the amount of \$72,390.47. With the approval of the recommendation outlined within this report a balance of \$60,390.47 remains for further distribution.

Servicing Implications:

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

Consultations:

Councillor Ward 3

Treasury

Attachments:

N/A

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