



Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number: CS2024-002
Meeting Date: February 6, 2024
Title: Release of Fenelon Falls C.H.E.S.T. Funds
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Recommendation(s):

That Report CS2024-002, 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); and,

That the Kawartha Lakes Community Co-operative on behalf of the Fenelon Arts Committee be approved for funding in the amount of \$6,220.00 with the allocation to come from the Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Reserve (3.24350); and,

That the Fenelon Falls Grannies be approved for funding in the amount of \$1,000.00 with the allocation to come from the Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Reserve (3.24350); 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:

Three grant applications for the disposition of Fenelon Falls residual C.H.E.S.T. funding have been received by Community Services Administration on behalf of community interests. The local Councillor is aware of these requests. Total funding requested is \$13,220.00. As per the last financial update received from Treasury \$72,194.06 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 Falls Turkey Trot is a health and wellness fitness fun run event for all ages and abilities operating since 2016. Their mission is to provide an opportunity for the local community to engage in a fitness event on Thanksgiving weekend. The race includes pre-event activities, 1k, 5k, and 10k courses, and post event activities/awards. An amount of \$6,000.00 is requested to help with costs for website updates, awards, timing, volunteer t-shirts, food, and other costs incurred to run the event.

Kawartha Works Community Co-operative was developed in 2015 to improve the social infrastructure in Kawartha Lakes by enabling the creation, development and management of non profit initiatives with artistic, cultural, recreational, health, environmental, economic, and social improvement aims. It assists local initiatives by acting as an "umbrella" corporation to share resources and to receive grants. The Fenelon Arts Committee (FAC) was established in 2018 and is one of these local initiatives. The FAC identifies opportunities for artists, strategizes on arts initiatives, and aims to increase public access and engagement with art in the village of Fenelon Falls. They are requesting \$6,220.00 for a May to October outdoor exhibition of six sculptures displayed on Colborne Street in Fenelon Falls. Funds will go towards the cost of securing artists, installation of sculptures, signage, printing, insurance, artist's honorarium and artist's fees.

The Fenelon Falls Grannies is a one of 160 groups across Canada that are part of the Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmother's Campaign. Since 2009 the Fenelon Falls Grannies hosts a music-a-thon fundraising event in Fenelon Falls in support of the Grandmothers Campaign. This event is a large cultural event showcasing a wide variety of performances by local artists for the local community to enjoy. They are requesting \$1,000.00 to help support costs to run this special event. Funds would go towards costs of insurance, hall rental, food and honorarium for the sound crew.

All three applications have been reviewed by staff for completeness and eligibility as per Council Policy and are recommended by staff for full funding. The local Councillor is also in favour of full funding.

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 \$72,194.36. With the approval of the recommendations outlined within this report a balance of \$58,974.06 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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