



## Committee of the Whole Report

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**Report Number:** CS2024-004

**Meeting Date:** April 9, 2024

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

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### Recommendation(s):

**That** Report CS2024-004, Release of Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Funds be received; and,

**That** the Grove Theatre 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 Fenelon Falls & District Chamber of Commerce 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** 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:**

Two grant applications for the disposition of Fenelon Falls residual C.H.E.S.T. funds have 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 the balance of the fund at the end of 2023 was \$66,825.93. With \$13,220.00 of funding already approved for 2024 there is \$53,605.93 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 Grove Theatre is an outdoor amphitheatre constructed in 2020 providing space for the Fenelon Falls community to gather and access arts programming while also attracting tourism to the area. Performances include professional theatre, concerts, live music, and other community events held in a natural outdoor setting. In the summer of 2024 the Grove Theatre will launch its Education Department starting with four weeks of summer camp in July and August with opportunities for campers ages 5-15 and a unique internship experience for teens 16-18.

The Grove Theater is applying for \$6,000.00 from the Fenelon Falls C.H.E.S.T. fund to support costs of props, costumes, crafts, snacks and transportation for the operation of their summer camp. Any remaining amount will go towards the cost of first aid certifications for camp staff.

The Fenelon Falls & District Chamber of Commerce (FFDCC) is a member based organization in the Village of Fenelon Falls whose mission is to foster a positive, inclusive business environment well promoting sustainable economic growth. Throughout 2024 the FFDCC will host many annual community events, provide visitor information through their Tourism Office, and sit on a variety of community

committees. The FFDCC is also responsible for the organization and beautification for the Village of Fenelon Falls.

This year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fenelon Falls and the FFDCC is coordinating celebrations as well as providing resources for businesses and organizations to participate in the events. The FFDCC is requesting \$6,000.00 from the Fenelon Falls C.H.E.S.T. Fund to purchase items branded with the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo such as tote bags for the public and banners for the downtown core. In addition, funding will go toward an outdoor “paint by number” mural created by local community members during one of the events hosted by the FFDCC this season.

### **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 \$53,605.93. With the approval of the recommendations outlined within this report a balance of \$41,605.93 remains for further distribution.

**Servicing Implications:**

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

**Consultations:**

Treasury

**Attachments:**

N/A

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