



Council Report

Report Number:	ED2024-029
Meeting Date:	June 25, 2024
Title:	Green Municipal Fund Agreement
Description:	Confirmation of the Green Municipal Fund Grant and signing requirements by the Mayor and Clerk
Author and Title:	Donna Goodwin, Economic Development Officer – Arts & Culture

Recommendations:

That Report ED2024-029, **Green Municipal Fund Agreement**, be received; and

That the Mayor and Clerk, following a review of agreements to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, be authorized to execute agreement(s) with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for the Green Municipal Fund for the project: Studying the feasibility of a net-zero cultural centre in Kawartha Lakes.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

In 2022, Council endorsed the results of the 2021-2022 Cultural Centre Phase 1 Feasibility Study:

CW2022-142

That Report ED2022-032, Cultural Centre Feasibility Study Findings, be received;

That the "Feasibility Study for a Cultural Centre(s) in the City of Kawartha Lakes", dated May 27, 2022, including recommendations and conclusions, prepared by Nordicity and Giaimo, and attached as Appendix A, be endorsed;

That up to \$100,000.00 be included in the 2023 Special Project budget to initiate Phase 2 - site exploration, selection, and feasibility analysis; and

That Council thank the Task Force and its members: Susan Taylor; Athol Hart; Patrick Murphy; Barbara Doyle and former members Dianne Lister and Beverly Jeeves for their essential service.

On February 28, 2023, Council passed the budget allocation of \$100,000 to initiate Phase 2- site exploration, selection, and feasibility analysis:

CR2023-151

That the Question-and-Answer Document for the Proposed 2023 Special Projects Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes, be received; and

That the 2023 special Projects Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes be approved.

In April 2023, Staff returned to Council to share the opportunity to apply to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund to match the existing Phase 2 budget to include the investigation of building construction and management techniques to achieve a net-zero building envelope:

CR2023-224

That Report ED2023-027, Cultural Centre Feasibility Study - Phase 2, be received;

That Council authorizes staff to apply for federal funding to leverage the 2023 Phase 2 Cultural Centre Feasibility study budget; and

That staff be authorized to increase the overall project budget with grant funding, and update the financing of the project in the event grant applications are successful.

This report addresses that direction.

Rationale:

On November 3, 2023, staff applied to the Green Municipal Fund through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. This funding will allow consultant Giaimo and City Staff to model net-zero construction and operational activities, providing an assessment and analysis of such technology in the construction and operation of a cultural centre in the City.

On May 2, 2024, the Mayor and Council received a letter from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities notifying the City that its application had been approved (see Appendix A).

Other Alternatives Considered:

Council could decline the funding and not sign the agreement. This is not recommended. Federation staff have shared that federal funding is only available for net-zero construction projects and that to be eligible for future federal capital funding, the feasibility of net-zero construction and operation must first be assessed through the Green Municipal Fund program. Studying the feasibility of a net-zero cultural centre in Kawartha Lakes is integral to accessing capital funding at a later date.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

The investigation of net-zero construction and operation systems advances the strategic priorities of the 2024-2027 Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan:

1. **Healthy Environment:** support environmental sustainability and resilience in our community
2. **An Exceptional Quality of Life:** maintain community hubs such as parks, buildings, and active spaces for social, healthy interactions
3. **A Vibrant and Growing Economy:** explore proactive options to encourage new business, repurpose existing spaces and promote entrepreneurship; complete the Cultural Centre Feasibility Study and assess recommendations for the preferred operating model and site location for a Cultural Centre
4. **Good Government:** secure and advocate for provincial and federal government funding for municipal infrastructure and service delivery needs, and critical community infrastructure and project investments; advance reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples through ongoing and meaningful

consultation; collaborate with other community builders, partners, and institutions

Financial/Operation Impacts:

The Culture Centre Feasibility Phase 2 project budget is \$100,00 funded through the Special Projects Budget. This grant provides an additional \$100,000 in funds which will double the current budget assigned to the cultural centre feasibility study project. If Council accepts the grant, the budget will increase to \$200,000. The funds will be used to support feasibility analysis of net-zero construction. Information gathered from the additional work will inform the design and construction plans to be developed in Phase 3. The additional work is estimated to take one (1) year, extending project timelines into 2025. Corporate Services will need to update the overall project budget to reflect the federal contribution.

Consultations:

Manager, Corporate Assets

Manager, Economic Development

Treasurer

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Attachments:

Appendix A – FCM Funding Letter



20240502_DFC-23-02
29_ExecutiveDecisionL

Department Head email: ibarrie@kawarthalakes.ca

Department Head: Leah Barrie, Director Development Services