



Council Report

Report Number: CS2024-009

Meeting Date: July 23, 2024

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

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Recommendation(s):

That Report CS2024-009, Release of Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Funds, be received; 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).

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 \$37,894.90 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 the requirement for a full reconciliation of costs at the project end. 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 District Chamber of Commerce (FCDCC) is a member-based organization in the village of Fenelon Falls whose mission is to foster a positive, inclusive business environment while promoting sustainable economic growth. Their mandate is to build strong partnerships, engage with the business community, and support the work of community-based organizations. In 2024 the FFDCC will be hosting many community events such as Easter Extravaganza, Moonlight Madness, the Kawartha Lakes Country Living Show, member events and business meetings. In addition, they offer visitor information year-round and assist with beautification projects in the downtown core.

The FFDCC is requesting \$6,000.00 for a rainbow pedestrian crosswalk to celebrate the 2SLGBTQI+ community on the crosswalk of Water/May Street and Oak Street in downtown Fenelon Falls. Painted crosswalks slow traffic benefitting all local and out of town pedestrians, and also creates a welcoming and inclusive environment supporting the 2SLGBTQI+ community.

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 Falls District Chamber of Commerce 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 2024-2027 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.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

Currently the Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Fund has residual funds remaining in the amount of \$37,894.90. With the approval of the recommendations outlined within this report a balance of \$31,894.90 remains for further distribution.

Servicing Implications:

There are no servicing implications because of this report.

Consultations:

Councillor Ward 3
Treasury
Economic Development
Public Works Roads Operations

Attachments:

N/A

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