



Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number: CS2024-010
Meeting Date: September 10, 2024
Title: Release of Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Funds
Author and Title: LeAnn Donnelly, Executive Assistant, Community Services

Recommendation(s):

That Report CS2024-010, **Release of Fenelon Falls Legacy C.H.E.S.T. Funds**, be received; and,

That the Fenelon Falls Volunteer Firefighters Association 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:

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 and awards previously granted \$37,758.86 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 Volunteer Firefighters Association is based out of Kawartha Lakes Station 22 in Fenelon Falls. In addition to providing emergency services volunteer firefighters work together to offer additional services within the community. They attend public events, support families in need, and help children in local schools. They also attend community events such as parades, Santa Day, Canada Day, and support food drives for the local food bank.

The Fenelon Falls Volunteer Firefighters Association is requesting \$6,000.00 to support the restoration of their antique fire truck. This unit has been a fixture at the fire hall since it opened its doors to the community, and is used in parades, funerals, community days and other local events as requested. In addition to C.H.E.S.T funding, grant applications are being submitted to other funding programs and local fundraising initiatives are ongoing within the community. All of these funds are needed to help cover the approximate \$60,000.00 required for restoration. Restoration is to be done by a local vendor.

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 Volunteer Firefighters Association 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 \$37,758.86 With the approval of the recommendations outlined within this report a balance of \$31,758.86 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

Department Head email: jjohnson@kawarthalakes.ca

Department Head: Jenn Johnson, Director of Community Services