

Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

Finance & Technology

Financial Planning & Analysis



To: Mayor & Members of Council

From: Justin Rousseau, Corporate Leader-Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 13, 2022

Subject: Maidstone and Area Historical Society Grant Support – Mini-Barn

Recommendation

Support the Maidstone & Area Historical Society's 2022 grant application to Farm Credit Canada's Agri-Spirit Fund for the purchase and installation of a mini-barn;

Direct Administration to act as the trustee for the grant funding, if approved; and

Authorize the Corporate Leader-Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the Corporate Leader – Strategic & Legal Affairs, to execute any agreements or instruments required in support of or to receive the funding, all as further described in the April 26, 2022 Council meeting report.

Background

The Maidstone Bicentennial Museum is a community museum which houses unique collections of artifacts that have been donated by the community or purchased by the Maidstone and Area Historical Society. This collection includes an impressive WW1 Naval and Army collection, artifacts of Joseph, Daniel and Zoe Ouellette, Rum Running, the War of 1812, including the Aboriginal Contribution to the War of 1812 and much more. The museum grounds are also home to beautiful Native Heritage Gardens, a collection of plants, trees, and shrubs that are native to the Essex County area. These gardens in the past have served several purposes from food, medicinal medicines and dying of cloth. As well they play an important part in the life cycle of butterflies. Several of the trees are rare including Paw Paw, Kentucky Coffee, and Cucumber trees.

The Museum has long been a part of the Lakeshore community and receives annual financial grants from Lakeshore.

Administration has been approached to lend support to the Museum with an application to Farm Credit Canada as part of the Agri Spirit Fund.

The Agri Spirit fund provides between \$5,000 to \$25,000 to projects that qualify in city or town of fewer than 150,000 people or an indigenous community.

The deadline for the application to FCC is April 29th, 2022

Comments

The Maidstone and Area Historical Society are asking the Municipality of Lakeshore to partner on the FCC Agri Spirit Fund grant application and act as MAHS trustee to accept and hold the funding to purchase a 10x10 mini barn. The purpose of this portable mini barn is to give the MAHS a seasonal place to display the many great posters and education material that the Canadian Wildlife Federation has donated to MAHS to further the endeavours of our Heritage Native Gardens. The mini barn can also double as much needed winter storage area for the MAHS garden benches and planters.

Administration is seeking a resolution of Council in support of the grant application (as requested by the Historical Society) and seeking the necessary direction to ensure that authority is delegated to sign any documents required to obtain and receive the funding.

Others Consulted

Victoria Beaulieu, Maidstone and Area Historical Society

Financial Impacts

The Maidstone and Area Historical Society will be responsible for the cost of the building, and it will be funded by the grant application should it be successful.

Based on quotes obtained, the cost of the barn the estimated cost is \$8,100.

Attachments

Submission Documents from MAHS

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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