

The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Community & Recreation Services

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Beth Gignac, Director Community & Recreation Services

Date to Council: March 28, 2023

Report Number: CRS-2023-04

Subject: Windsor-Essex Community Foundation Grant Agreement

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That Report CRS-2023-02 Windsor Essex community Foundation Grant Agreement **be received**;

That By-Law 2023-041 to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Grant Agreement between the Windsor-Essex Community Foundation and The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh in form satisfactory to the Town Solicitor to provide funding in the amount of \$15,000 in support of the commemorative sculpture of Chief Tecumseh, be considered for first, second third and final reading.

Executive Summary

The Windsor-Essex Community Foundation (WECF) has approved a grant in the amount of \$15,000 to support a commemorative sculpture of Chief Tecumseh, including signage and a healing garden in Lakewood Park North. This report is seeking Council approval for the design of the sculpture and to direct Administration to sign the Grant Agreement. The WECF grant program was offered to all Windsor-Essex communities in celebration of their 40th anniversary.

Background

The WECF has been working with all Essex communities to invest in a Waterfront Legacy Project as part of the 40th Anniversary Municipal Legacy Project fund. The WECF has committed to fund a tree carving project at Lakewood Park North in the beach area. On December 13, 2022, Council approved CRS-2022-17 2022 Parks Five (5) Year Capital Works Plan which provided further detail on this project including the cost estimate of \$15,000. WECF has approved a grant in the amount of \$15,000 which will fund the project costs.

Comments

An artist was engaged to work with Administration and descendants of Chief Tecumseh to design the sculpture. The descendants of Chief Tecumseh are in the final stages of approving the design for the sculpture. Additional consultation with Caldwell First Nations has resulted in the inclusion of an adjacent garden which will feature traditional plants associated with healing and peace. The area will also feature an information sign that will provide appropriate recognition to WECF and provide contextual information for the sculpture and garden.

The grant from the WECF will provide funding to support all elements. WECF provided the Town with an agreement to facilitate the grant, which has been reviewed internally and found satisfactory for the purposes of the project. The agreement is appended to By-Law 2023-041.

Consultations

Chief Administrative Officer Legislative Services & Clerk Patricia Shawnoo, Descendent, Chief Tecumseh Carrie-Ann Peters, Caldwell First Nation

Financial Implications

The project cost of \$15,000 will be covered by a grant in the same amount from the Windsor-Essex Community Foundation.

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2019-22 Strategic Priorities
\boxtimes	Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.
	Ensure that Tecumseh's current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.
	Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of Tecumseh's plans and priorities.
	Steward the Town's "continuous improvement" approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.
	Demonstrate the Town's leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals.

Communications

Not applicable	\boxtimes		
Website □	Social Media □	News Release □	Local Newspaper

This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

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Reviewed by:

Robert Auger, LL.B. Director Legislative Services & Clerk

Recommended by:

Margaret Misek-Evans, MCIP, RPP Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment	Attachment
Number	Name
None	None