

**Subject:** Proposed 2024 Municipal Community Grants

**Recommendation:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report #2024-0042 Recreation – Proposed 2024 Municipal Grant Allocation, for information;**

**AND THAT Council approve the 2024 Municipal Grant allocations for \$13,580.00 waived fees; \$28,550.00 cash allocations; and \$18,450.13 estimated in-kind labour requests, as outlined in the 2024 Municipal Grant allocation summary.**

**Background:**

In accordance with Municipal Grants Policy S400-04, applications for funding are accepted annually from not-for-profit organizations that implement significant events and services within the Town of Pelham. These organizations are eligible for grant funding of in-kind contributions. In-kind contributions include the waiving of fees for use of Town facilities for the purposes of developing and organizing significant events and can also include staff labour. In addition to in-kind contributions, Council may, at its discretion, approve grants to support community not-for-profit organization groups or events that will be of a direct benefit to the residents of Pelham.

**Analysis:**

As per the Policy, there are two categories of grant awards:

**Application based process (up to \$20,000.00 maximum for the calendar year)**

- Qualifying applications are eligible to receive up to a \$4,000.00 of non-cash in-kind funding.
- The grant provides relief to organizations from the Town established user fees.
- In-kind funding can be granted as waived fees and in-kind labor assistance.

## **Request to Council (up to \$40,000.00 maximum for the calendar year)**

- Requests are considered on a first come first serve basis.
- Requests to Council for this category may be for cash or in-kind contributions.

### **Financial Considerations:**

In considering the 2024 applications received for waived fees, in-kind assistance, and cash contributions, it is recommended that \$13,580.00 be allocated to waived fees and \$28,550.00 in cash funding for a total of \$42,130.00 of the \$42,500 2024 budgeted figure. Requests for an estimated \$18,450.13 of in-kind labor were received. Please see attached Grant summary for details.

The following applications received the same amount as last year and not the full amount requested:

Birchway Niagara requested \$3,000.00 and will receive \$2,500.00.

Fonthill Lions Club requested \$4,000.00 and will receive \$3,500.00.

According to Policy S400-04, applicants are eligible to receive up to \$4,000 of non-cash (waived fees), in-kind funding annually. Over the years, in-kind funding has not been considered as it was minimal. Although post Covid, Staff have found requests have increased, i.e. road closures; traffic control; barricades; shuttles; no parking signage; delivery of picnic tables; garbage cans; supply of first aid; etc. and as a result expenses have increased. 2023 In-kind requests were estimated at \$10,400.00, the 2024 estimated amount is \$18,450.00. In-kind requests are covered under current operating budgets.

The total 2024 Municipal Grant Budget is \$42,500.00, this amount has not increased since 2020 and has not taken into consideration inflation, increased fees and charges and increased demand for services requested.

Prior to the 2025 Budget process, the Community Grant Policy will be reviewed and presented outlining proposed levels of service and funding for Council's consideration.

### **Alternatives Reviewed:**

Proposed funding has been allocated as in the past, not considering In-kind requests as part of the \$4,000.00 maximum allocation. If it was the desire of Council to include the in-kind requests within the \$4,000.00, the organization would be invoiced for remainder of services performed. Obviously this alternative would

not be favorable for the organizations and would be difficult for them to absorb in 2024.

**Strategic Plan Relationship: Community Development and Growth**

To enable and support significant events and services provided for by local not-for-profit organizations that foster self-fulfillment of individuals and enhance the quality of life within the Town of Pelham.

**Consultation:**

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**Other**

**Pertinent Reports/Attachments:**

2024 Municipal Grant Summary

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