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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

FROM: Erin Burger, Community Development Supervisor – Event and Neighbourhood Support

DATE: January 4, 2024

MEMO NO.: RP-2024-001

SUBJECT: Halton Hills 50th Anniversary Legacy Grant Allocations

PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Members of Council with information on the 50th Anniversary Legacy Grant Program and corresponding grant allocations.

BACKGROUND:

The Town of Halton Hills was formed through the provincially mandated amalgamation of Esquesing Township, Georgetown, and Acton in 1974. On January 1st, 2024, the Town marked its 50th anniversary of incorporation. To commemorate this occasion, the Town is offering community groups a one-time grant for legacy projects that honour and celebrate the Town's 50th anniversary.

The 50th Anniversary Legacy Grant Program will provide Halton Hills community groups up to a maximum of \$2,500.00 in funding towards legacy projects to be completed in 2024. The grant funding amount will be equally matched by the community group, through contribution of volunteer hours (valued at \$16.55/hr.) and/or donated services, materials, and supplies.

Grants are for projects that:

- Relate to the 50th anniversary theme of “Recognizing the Communities of Halton Hills”.
- Are intended to make a meaningful impact that will endure for years to come.
- Will meet a specific objective and be completed in a set timeframe.
- Are focused on Halton Hills and could consist of community improvement projects, public art, park or trail related components, signage/plaques, or outdoor furniture/amenities etc.

There is \$10,000.00 available for 50th Anniversary Legacy Grant projects.

COMMENTS:

The launch of the program and application intake began November 6th, 2023, with a deadline to apply by December 10th, 2023. This was communicated to the public through a media release, “The Current” newsletter, communication to over 150 community organizations, facility screens, a dedicated Town webpage and social media posts on various platforms.

A total of 10 applications were received through the intake process. Proposals were reviewed by Community Development staff for completeness and eligibility, and then shared with the selection committee (comprised of Town staff, Councillor Albano, and Councillor Garneau) for review.

The following criteria was used to evaluate the suitability of the proposed 50th Anniversary Legacy Grant projects:

- Project is led by a Halton Hills based community group, club, or organization.
- Takes place within the Town of Halton Hills.
- Aligns with the commemoration of the Town’s 50th anniversary.
- Recognizes the communities of Halton Hills.
- Clearly outlines the proposed project, its objectives, key dates, and project maintenance details.
- Demonstrates how the group will enhance the legacy funding awarded through grant matching (as mentioned above).

The following table provides an overview of the recommended program allocations:

50th Anniversary Legacy Grant Program Allocations		
Applicant	Proposed Project	Amount (\$)
Acton Agricultural Society	Heritage Artwork on Drill Shed at Prospect Park & Plaque	\$2,500.00
Friends of the Old Seedhouse Garden	Garden Sculpture & Plaque	\$2,500.00
Glen Williams Community Association	Shelagh Law Parkette Kiosk & Plaque	\$2,500.00
Trees for Halton Hills	Tree Planting Project & Plaques	\$2,500.00
Total		\$10,000.00

Parks & Open Space staff have reviewed the proposals noted above and will work with these community groups to finalize details.

Town staff will work with each of these groups to ensure their project and the corresponding maintenance is captured either within their current agreement or will create an appropriate agreement to complete work on Town property.

It should be noted that although 4 grants have been recommended for support, there were community groups that were not endorsed through the selection process, as their proposal was unable to demonstrate alignment with the program. These applications included the Georgetown Horticultural Society, Halton Hills Blue Fins Swim Club, Halton Hills Gymnastics Centre, Halton Hills Minor Baseball Association, Norval Community Association/Norval Women's Institute, and SocialWatch.

CONCLUSION:

Given the significance of this milestone, the projects recommended in this memo provide residents and visitors with the opportunity to recognize the Town's 50th anniversary, while learning about the rich and storied history of the communities that came together to comprise what is now the Town of Halton Hills.

Reviewed and approved by,

Paul Damaso, Commissioner of Recreation & Parks

Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer