

Appendix 1

Summary of the 2018 Community Sustainability Investment Fund Applications

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Link to the Community Sustainability Investment Fund Application Guidelines:

<https://hub.haltonhills.ca/Resource/Corporate%20Forms%20and%20Templates/Sustainability%20Investment%20Application%20Guide.pdf>

Applicant 1	Supported Sustainability Pillars	Requested Amount and Project Value	TSIC Recommendation
Acton Community Garden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Vibrancy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Well-being	\$2,000.00 out of the total value of \$2,500.00	\$500.00

Summary:

The Acton Community Garden (ACG) is located in Rotary Park in Acton. The ACG is an accessible, co-operative, collaborative and multi-generational volunteer garden that inspires community participation in growing organic food. All members of the community are welcome to participate and reap the produce of the ACG. The harvest is also shared with the Food for Life program through St. Alban's Anglican Church (Acton) outreach program.

The ACG was founded in 2011 and has continuously grown since then to include partnerships within the community such as: Halton Hills' Public Library; McKenzie-Smith Bennett Elementary School, Acton District High School, St Joseph Catholic Elementary School and Georgetown Christian School, and Cubs and Scouts Canada.

Seeds are started in local schools and at the Acton location of the Halton Hills Public Library. The seedlings are then planted into the ACG which has grown to include 20 raised beds, a children's garden, three sister's garden, native pollinator bee and butterfly way station, a shed, tea garden and an accessible garden planter.

The ACG is seeking funds to contribute to a new seed library at the Halton Hills Public Library (Acton location), provide new signage to promote and educate people about

plants, and develop a manual about plants.

Town Staff Comments:

A new five year agreement was signed in 2017 between P.O.W.E.R. and the Town of Halton Hills for the Acton Community Garden to continue its use of a portion of Town property near Elizabeth St. in Acton.

The proposed project supports the cultural vibrancy, social well-being, and environmental health pillars of the Community Sustainability Strategy.

TSIC Recommendation:

The Committee recommends funding the amount of \$500.00.

Applicant 2	Supported Sustainability Pillars	Requested Amount and Project Value	TSIC Recommendation
Acton High School	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Vibrancy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Well-being	\$100.00 out of the total value of \$150.00	\$100.00

Summary:

Acton High School and the road leading up to it are on traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit. The applicant is requesting funding to change the two street signs labelled "Cedar Rd" in Acton to reflect Anishinaabeg territorial acknowledgement. The street sign could include the logo of the Mississaugas of the New Credit, and include the word for cedar in the Ojibwe language "Giizwak," and "Cedar Rd."

The new signage would be the first area in Acton to be recognized as the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit. By placing the new street sign to identify the land, this will start the process of acknowledging the Mississaugas of the New Credit and subsequently start the healing process referenced in the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee.

Town Staff Comments:

The street signs will be installed on Town property and Town staff will be consulted with the development of the signs.

This project supports the cultural vibrancy and social well-being pillars of the Community Sustainability Strategy.

TSIC Recommendation:

The Committee recommends funding the full amount requested by the applicant.

Applicant 3	Supported Sustainability Pillars	Requested Amount and Project Value	TSIC Recommendation
Food for Thought	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Vibrancy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Well-being	\$2,000.00 out of the total value of \$61,000.00	\$1,800.00

Summary:

Halton Food for Thought (HFFT) is requesting funding to start-up two new non-stigmatizing Student Nutrition Programs (SNPs) in two schools in Halton Hills that will be volunteer-based. The funds will cover small but necessary supplies for the programs in the schools.

HFFT has been dedicated to ensuring Halton students have access to healthy food for over 2 decades. HFFT, in partnership with the community provides access to nutritious breakfasts, snacks and lunches that are a reliable source of healthy local food during the school day. HFFT non-stigmatizing Student Nutrition Programs (SNPs) are open to all youth in the school community. Over 27,000+ students are fed weekly via 200 programs in 130 schools across Halton; over 3.4 million meals are served per school year!

HFFT Student Nutrition Programs addresses the need for all students to have access to healthy food during the school day. Canada does not have a national policy on student nutrition. If it wasn't for programs such as SNP students who arrive at school hungry would not have a reliable source of free healthy food.

Town Staff Comments:

This project supports the cultural vibrancy and social well-being pillars of the Community Sustainability Strategy.

TSIC Recommendation:

The Committee recommends funding the amount of \$1,800.00.

Applicant 4	Supported Sustainability Pillars	Requested Amount and Project Value	TSIC Recommendation
Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Vibrancy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Well-being	\$2,000.00 out of the total value of \$6,000.00	\$1,000.00

Summary:

Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation (HCCEF) is a charitable organization and has partnered with Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) to support students and families in need. The HCCEF is requesting funding for the Student Guardian Program that helps students and their families in need overcome financial barriers to education. The funding will allow them to increase financial assistance to students. The Foundation hopes to increase the financial assistance to \$6,000.00 and help approximately 15-20 Halton Hills students in need with their financial barriers to education. The Student Guardian Program will help with the social equity for some of the Halton Hills students who live in poverty.

Town Staff Comments:

This project supports the social well-being and cultural vibrancy pillars of the Community Sustainability Strategy:

TSIC Recommendations: The Committee recommends funding the amount of \$1,000.00.

Applicant 5	Supported Sustainability Pillars	Requested Amount and Project Value	TSIC Recommendation
Halton Hills Bruce Trail Club	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Vibrancy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Well-being	\$2,000.00	\$500.00

Summary:

The applicant is seeking funding to upgrade their displays including promotional material when they do outreach at events. Display material includes: two banners, new foam board/photos, table cloth with Club logo, printing, portable folding tables and chairs to take to events, and new brochures to hand out describing the Club's activities and purpose. The funding would allow for better promotional material with photos and highlights from local trails including the Bruce Trail and Town trails.

Halton Hills Bruce Trail Club (TBTC) attends local events such as: the BIA Farmers Market, the Leathertown Festival, and open houses, the Halton Hills Public Library and the Town of Halton Hills' annual Earth Day & Sustainability Fair (Earth Week Celebrations).

Town Staff Comments:

This project supports the environmental health, social well-being and cultural vibrancy pillars of the Community Sustainability Strategy.

TSIC Recommendations:

The Committee recommends funding the amount of \$500.00.

Applicant 6	Supported Sustainability Pillars	Requested Amount and Project Value	TSIC Recommendation
Halton North Peel Naturalist Club	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Vibrancy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Prosperity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Well-being	\$2,000.00 out of the total value of \$2,500.00	\$1,800.00

Summary:

Pollinators such as bees, moths, wasps, butterflies are rapidly declining. Halton/North Peel Naturalist Club (HNPNC) is seeking funding to host a one day workshop to teach the public about native plants and attracting pollinators such as bees, moths, wasps, butterflies that we need for growing food.

A brief outline of the workshop includes:

1. Introduction to pollinators and their importance to the ecosystem. Live insects on-hand.
2. Role of native plants for maintaining and strengthening biodiversity in Halton.
3. Overview of easy to-grow perennial native flowers, shrubs, and trees for biodiversity and increased pollinators in Halton.
4. Instructions will be provided on growing the plants provided at the workshop.

Town Staff Comments:

This project supports the four pillars of the Community Sustainability Strategy: cultural vibrancy, economic prosperity, environmental health, and social well-being.

TSIC Recommendations: The Committee recommends funding the amount of \$1,800.00.

Applicant 7	Supported Sustainability Pillars	Requested Amount and Project Value	TSIC Recommendation
Michael Shultz & Madeleine Hag	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health	\$1,367.50 out of the total project value: \$1,367.50	\$250.00

Summary:

The applicant is seeking funding to cover the expense of hosting two bee hives on his property through a bee company and to attend a weekend bee course at the University of Guelph. The proposed beekeeping project demonstrates a positive way for homeowners to encourage bee health and to increase the bee population in Halton Hills. This is a pilot project for 2018 and 2019.

Town Staff Comments:

This project supports the environmental health pillar of the Community Sustainability Strategy. According to the Community Sustainability Investment Fund Guidelines the request for funding to attend a workshop is ineligible.

TSIC Recommendation:

The Committee recommends funding the amount of \$250.00.

Applicant 8	Supported Sustainability Pillars	Requested Amount and Project Value	TSIC Recommendation
Mountainview Wildflowers - Katharine Lister	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Prosperity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Well-being	\$2,000 out of the total project value \$2,000.00	\$250.00

Summary:

The applicant is requesting funding to help with the cost of planting seven acres of wildflowers. This is a phased approach with two or three acres to be planted this fall with a bee forage meadow seed mix and another two or three acres in 2019. Bee hives have recently been added to the property to help pollinate hay fields, increase the bee population in the area and to supply honey locally. The applicant would like to help the community by creating a pollinator habitat in Halton Hills.

Town Staff Comments:

This project supports the economic prosperity, environmental health and social well-being pillars of the Community Sustainability Strategy.

TSIC Recommendation:

The Committee recommends funding the amount of \$250.00.

Applicant 9	Supported Sustainability Pillars	Requested Amount and Project Value	TSIC Recommendation
Norval Community Association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Vibrancy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Well-being	\$2,000.00 out of the total value of \$7,300.00	\$1,800.00

Summary:

The Norval Community Association (NCA) is a volunteer organization engaging people of all ages in activities to improve the quality of life of our citizens. Their mandate is to foster a strong community spirit, to preserve the historic values, and to promote the beautification of Norval.

NCA is requesting funding for a Writing Box Project to cover the cost of printing two chapter books. Each school in Halton Hills will receive a letter writing box created for teachers to use in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 4 classrooms.

The writing box will contain two books about Norval and Lucy Maud Montgomery (created by Mark Rowe), and the other book by Garry Sault (Mississauga's of the Credit) - a Raven lesson about sharing. The Writing Box Project will teach children about this area through culture and the past inhabitants of this land. This project will give meaning to reconciliation of peoples by allowing children and their parents to learn about the people who inhabited the lands a long time ago.

Each student will be encouraged to write stories and draw pictures about the times when Native Canadians lived and farmed in this area, and the era that Anne of Green Gables lived in (1870's).

These creations will be on display to encourage others to learn about our past and share experiences the Lucy Maud Montgomery Museum and Literary Centre. Eventually, the story writing campaign will be available to the rest of Canada and the world - promoting Halton Hills.

Town Staff Comments:

The proposed project supports the cultural vibrancy, environmental health, and social well-being pillars of the Community Sustainability Strategy.

TSIC Recommendation:

The Committee recommends funding the amount of \$1,800.00.

Applicant 10	Supported Sustainability Pillars	Requested Amount and Project Value	TSIC Recommendation
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Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources (P.O.W.E.R.) - EcoFilm Fest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Vibrancy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Prosperity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Well-being	\$500.00 out of the total project value: \$5,296.25	\$500.00
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Summary:
The applicant is seeking funding to cover one eco-film screening at the Acton Town Hall in Acton. The Acton EcoFilm ‘pilot project’ in 2016 discovered that the screen quality at a church in Acton is less than optimal. The goal is to improve the viewing quality by hosting a film screening at the Acton Town Hall and increase patron attendance.

The EcoFilm Fest is in its 4th year, co-sponsored, initiated and facilitated by P.O.W.E.R. and specifically targets the enhancement of ‘a healthy environment’. Five eco-films are held between January to May. They educate around five themes of ‘a healthy environment’: Climate Change, Healthy Nutrition, Water Protection, Earth Biodiversity, and Environmental Sustainability. In June, one of the five eco-films is chosen to be screened in Acton for World Environment Day. Satellite screenings held in Acton and Norval are a new outreach initiative for the EcoFilm Fest.

As an added value to the film screening, a guest speaker and local groups set up their information for community members to view and discuss before and after the film screening.

Town Staff Comments:
This proposed project supports the cultural vibrancy, economic prosperity, environmental health and social well-being pillars of the Community Sustainability Strategy.

TSIC Recommendation:
The Committee recommends funding the amount of \$500.00.

Applicant 11	Supported Sustainability Pillars	Requested Amount and Project Value	TSIC Recommendation
Willow Park Ecology Centre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Vibrancy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Prosperity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Well-being	\$2,000.00 out of the total project value: \$6,300.00	\$1,500.00

Summary:
The Willow Park Ecology Centre is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. To recognize this milestone the Centre will host two days of events in July which includes: special guests, wildlife, family activities and crafts, educational talks, live wildlife presentations, planting 20 trees, wellness offering meditation nature walks, the installation of new biodiversity-themed interpretive signs and an opportunity for community members to get outside and experience nature.

Town Staff Comments:

This project supports the cultural vibrancy, social well-being, and environmental pillars of the Community Sustainability Strategy.

TSIC Recommendation:

The Committee recommends funding the amount of \$1,500.00.