



REPORT

REPORT TO: Chair and Members of the Community and Corporate Affairs Committee

REPORT FROM: Heather Kaufmann, Community Development Supervisor

DATE: January 11, 2019

REPORT NO.: RP-2019-0006

RE: Municipal Assistance Program Request

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report RP-2019-0006 dated January 11, 2019 regarding requests for Municipal Assistance Program be received;

AND FURTHER THAT funding in the amount of \$536.30 for the Georgetown Bread Basket Coldest Night of the Year be;

1a) derived from the Municipal Assistance Program based on the proposal's own merits as it does not meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in Report RP-2019-0006;

OR

1b) declined as the proposal does not meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in Report RP-2019-0006;

BACKGROUND:

In September of 2008, Council adopted a revised Municipal Assistance Program Policy CL-2008-0001. The policy reflects the values and benefits of the municipality working in collaboration with community partners to provide opportunities and services that promote and enhance a healthy, safe and active community. Seven categories of assistance have been established for the Community Affairs Committee of Council to evaluate requests for municipal assistance from community members, organizations, and businesses based on the principles contained in the policy.

COMMENTS:

New Request:

	Organization	Description Rationale	2013	2014- 2018	Amount Requested 2019	
					Requested	Eligible
	Georgetown Bread Basket “Coldest Night of the Year” Fundraiser	Waiver of Fees	\$500.00	N/A	\$536.30	\$0.00
	Total				\$536.30	\$0.00
Meets Criteria		The fundraiser is not eligible under the waiver of municipal fees. Other charity events have been funded previously in accordance with the municipal assistance policy exemption that states “Consideration may be given to the organizations noted above for activities/events that support the strategic priorities of Council as contained in the Town’s Strategic Plan and Municipal Assistance Policy.”				
Comments		<p>The Georgetown Bread Basket provides and promotes access to healthier eating for clients. In the spirit of caring, and with community support, the Georgetown Bread Basket helps provide food for those in need in our community.</p> <p>The Coldest Night of the Year is a family-friendly walk that raises money for charities serving hungry, homeless, and hurting people in our community. This event is the Bread Basket’s major fundraising event that addresses food insecurity in the community. The Bread Basket is solely volunteer based and all funds go back to programming and providing food to families in need.</p> <p>The third annual event will take place on February 23, 2019 at the Hillsvie Active Living Centre – Georgetown. The group is requesting a waiver of municipal fees for the facility rental to allocate the funds raised directly back to the food bank. The group utilizes this site as the walk takes place on Highway 7 and the hope is to bring awareness to food insecurity.</p> <p>The approval of this request would be at the discretion of the Committee based on its own merit and in light of the policy review currently underway.</p>				

Other Program Requests for Information Only:

In February of 2015, Council authorized staff to administer returning Municipal Assistance Program requests that are in compliance with the Municipal Assistance Program Policy CL-2008-0001 and i) less than \$500 in total or ii) no greater than ten (10) per cent of the previous year’s approved program request. As per this change in procedure, staff has approved the following returning requests.

Organization	Event	Amount Approved
POWER	Eco Film Festival	\$562.40
Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce	At Home in the Hills	\$2,330.79
Acclaim Health	Partnership Agreement	\$5,000.00
Willow Park Ecology Centre	Partnership Agreement	\$12,350.00

Staff will be providing an update to Council on proposed revisions to the Municipal Assistance Program Policy in Spring of 2019.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

A.2 To attract and retain a suitable range of health and social services.

A.3. To provide a broad range of educational, recreational and cultural services that meet the needs of our residents.

A.9 To support and enhance a variety of arts and cultural opportunities for the enjoyment of residents.

A.10 To encourage and promote community volunteerism

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Municipal Assistance Program 2019 budget (Appendix A) does contain funds to support all requests in this Report.

CONSULTATION:

Organizations requesting assistance were provided with information and support from Recreation and Parks Department staff. Where appropriate, staff in other Departments were consulted.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

No public engagement was required at this time.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

The Town is committed to implementing our Community Sustainability Strategy, Imagine Halton Hills. Doing so will lead to a higher quality of life.

The recommendation outlined in this report advances the Strategy's implementation.

This report supports the cultural vibrancy and social well-being pillar(s) of Sustainability and in summary the alignment of this report with the Community Sustainability Strategy is Good.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Upon authorization, staff will notify all applicants in writing with the outcome of Committee's decision and assist applicants with the processing of their requests.

CONCLUSION:

The Town of Halton Hills appreciates and recognizes the value and benefits of working in collaboration with agencies, governments, businesses, groups and individuals as demonstrated in the Corporate Strategic Plan and the Municipal Assistance Policy.

As a result, Council for the Town of Halton Hills established a municipal assistance program budget and criteria for determining eligibility for receiving municipal support. All proposals received are reviewed and evaluated for eligibility. Staff request Committee's evaluation of the Municipal Assistance Program proposals received for this review period.

Reviewed and Approved by,

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Kevin Okimi, Manager of Parks & Open Space

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Warren Harris, Commissioner of Recreation and Parks

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Brent Marshall, CAO