



Staff Report

Finance and IT Services

Report To: Special Committee of the Whole
Meeting Date: May 27, 2019
Report Number: FAF.19.065
Subject: Trillium Grant Opportunity
Prepared by: Sam Dinsmore, Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Accounting and Budgets

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.19.065, entitled "Trillium Grant Opportunity";

AND THAT Council direct staff to apply to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for the renovations at the Ravenna Hall;

AND THAT Council create a \$150,000 capital budget for this works upon a successful announcement of the grant.

B. Overview

This report looks at the most recent capital grant opportunity from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

C. Background

On April 5, 2019, the Ontario Trillium Foundation announced that a new stream of capital grant funding had been released and encouraged municipalities to submit applications. Some important dates and criteria are:

- Application due by June 12, 2019;
- Limited to one project per grant to a total of \$150,000;
- Development Costs (Engineering/Consulting) are limited to 20%;
- Project must be completed within one year of the grant result announcement (fall of 2019); and
- Internal salaries and benefits are not eligible costs.

Staff are recommending that the Town apply for this grant for work at the Ravenna Hall, this work would include establishing year-round potable water and work on the exterior of the building.

D. Analysis

In 2018, the Town completed Facility Condition Assessments on all Town owned facilities including the Ravenna Hall. The assessment concluded that this community centre requires some extensive exterior work including repointing stone mortar joints, replacing soffit, fascia and eaves trough. This is further complicated by its heritage designation. In addition, the Ravenna Hall struggles each year, especially in the summer and fall seasons to have potable water. The well runs dry which is an issue in itself. When there is water present again it causes issues with the ultraviolet water purification system as significant sediment infiltrates the system.

Staff did not include these works in the 2019 capital budget as funding and staffing resources were not available to complete the work. For the staffing side, this project would not happen until later in 2019 which would allow staff to adjust the 2020 capital budget to complete this work. In addition, staff are recommending that the application be for the full \$150,000 which staff believe is sufficient to complete the work that is required.

E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan

The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan

Goal #4: Promote a Culture of Organizational and Operational Excellence
Objective #4: To Be a Financially Responsible Organization

F. Environmental Impacts

N/A

G. Financial Impact

These works were not included in the 2019 capital budget and therefore staff recommend that the capital budget be established upon a successful grant application. The budget would include \$75,000 for the water system and \$75,000 for the exterior work for a total of \$150,000.

H. In consultation with

Ruth Prince, Director of Finance and IT Services
Ryan Gibbons, Acting Director of Community Services

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been subject to a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. Comments regarding this report should be submitted to Sam Dinsmore, Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Accounting and Budgets at finance@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

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