



STAFF REPORT

Title: Request for Funding - Cold Lake Seniors' Society

Meeting Date: August 11, 2020

Executive Summary:

Attached is a letter from the Cold Lake Seniors' Society requesting assistance from the City of Cold Lake to help offset costs quoted at \$63,000.00 to re-pave the Senior Centre parking lot.

In accordance with their long-range capital plan, the Seniors' Society have decided to go ahead with re-paving the parking lot at the senior's centre. The lot has become a serious safety concern due to the deterioration of the surface resulting in serious tripping hazards and particularly slipping hazards in the winter. Also, the poor condition of the lot makes snow clearance difficult in the winter.

Background:

It should be noted that the Cold Lake Senior's Society did not make application under the City's Community Capital Grant Program. We've attached the grant policy for reference purposes.

Section 4.2 of the policy articulates that a community organization is only eligible to receive one (1) Community Capital Project Grant under this policy every two (2) years. The Cold Lake Senior's Society recently received a grant in the amount of \$10,000 in May, 2020 (It should be noted that they requested for \$20,000).

In discussions with the President (Ray Coates), there was a feeling that Council would consider this beyond its existing grant programs for community organizations and that the City would also facilitate any necessary discussions with the Municipal District of Bonnyville to access of funding on behalf of the Cold Lake Senior's Society.

For reference purposes, we've also attached the Cold Lake Senior's Society financial work sheet. Please note that this information is not an audited financial statement.

It was also noted that time is of essence as the construction season is quickly passing.

To date, without consideration of this request or any others on the August 11, 2020 agenda, \$4,000.00 (Cold Lake Alpine Ski Society \$2,500, **CLMHA \$10,000 (event cancelled due to COVID-19)**, Kids Time Out Play Program \$100, and **RCMP Regimental Ball \$3,924.00 (event cancelled due to COVID-19)**, Ronald McDonald House Charity Golf



Classic \$400.00, and the Lakeland Lodge and Housing Foundation \$1,000.00) has formally been allocated from the 2020 Council Goodwill budget by motion of Council.

Further to the above, Council has allocated only \$10,000 of the \$50,000 budget for Community Capital Grant Program. Council could considering allocating funding from this program to the project. That being said, this would fall outside of the policy.

Alternatives:

Council may consider the following options:

- Pass a motion to provide a grant to the Cold Lake Seniors' Society to help offset costs of re-paving their parking lot, in the amount of \$63,000.00 with funds to come from Council Goodwill (1-2-11-20-229).
- Pass a motion to provide a grant to the Cold Lake Seniors' Society to help offset costs of re-paving their parking lot, in the amount of \$15,000.00 (to \$40,000) with funds to come from the Community Capital Grant Program (1-2-11-20-229).
- Pass a motion to postpone the issue to Council's regular meeting of August 25, 2020 to allow some discussion to occur with the Municipal District of Bonnyville.
- Pass a motion to respectfully decline the request for a grant to the Cold Lake Seniors Society to help offset costs of re-paving their parking lot, and request that the Cold Lake Senior's Society make their grant application thru the Community Capital Grant Program.

Recommended Action:

That Council pass a motion to provide a grant to the Cold Lake Seniors' Society to help offset costs of re-paving their parking lot, in the amount of \$15,000.00 with funds to come from the Community Capital Grant Program (1-2-11-20-229).

Budget Implications (Yes or No):

Yes

Submitted by:

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