

NOTICE OF MOTION

I, Councillor Vicky Lefebvre, am putting forward this “Notice of Motion” so that Council may consider the matter contained herein during its August 22, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council. This Notice of Motion requests that administration draft, for Council’s consideration, options to either restructure the Community Grant Advisory Committee such that grant applications are decided by a “Committee of the Whole of Council,” or to dissolve the Cold Lake Community Grant Advisory Committee, so that all grants are considered directly by City Council during a Regular Meeting of Council.

“That Council direct administration to bring forward, for Council’s consideration at its August 22, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council, amendments to the necessary bylaws and policies that would ensure applications made for grants funded by the City of Cold Lake will be considered by all members of Council, whether sitting as members of a committee, or during Regular Meetings of Council; and that meetings during which grant applications may be considered be held on a monthly basis, excepting the summer months.”

BACKGROUND

The mandate of the Cold Lake Community Grant Advisory Committee is to review funding requests that address a community service need and make recommendation to Council for funding which aligns with established grant and sponsorship programs, within the budgeted allocations for the programs.

Understanding that the final decision for grant allocations would be by Council, in its sole discretion, Council has increasingly been inconsistent with its expectations in regards to the Community Recreation, Art, Culture and Heritage Grant Program. The following provides a summary of concerns:

- 1) The implementation of the Community Grant Advisory Committee appears to be more political than administrative:
 - a) Council has made some organizations follow criteria while others have not been required to. In fact, some approvals have been made for organizations that have provided minimal information and/or not even a formal application. This approach isn’t equitable.
 - b) There are now an increasing number of requests that seek to circumvent the Community Grant Advisory Process and appeal directly to Council for a decision.
 - c) Council has repeatedly changed the amount of funding being provided. The rationale seems to be entire political.
 - d) The funds being approved by Council and the recommendations being made by the advisory committee are significantly over budget. There have been times that the committee has made recommendations to provide more funding that was requested by organizations, despite being over budget. It should be noted that the committee’s mandate does not allow it to exceed the budget for a program. This is happening despite that fact that the program specifically states “.....aligns with established grant and sponsorship programs, within the budgeted allocations for the programs.”

The above makes it very difficult to administer program and understand Council’s expectations in regards to making recommendations. In essence, Council seems to be inconsistent with its expectations. It is not fair to ask that volunteers make difficult funding decisions in the absence of clear direction and a firm mandate. If the current situation is to continue, the community’s elected officials should shoulder the responsibility of making these funding decisions, whether by meeting as a Committee or through decisions at a Regular Meeting of Council.

- 2) In the past 24 months, the City of Cold Lake has seen a tremendous increase in the volume of requests for financial assistance from charities, not-for-profit groups, and community social service organizations as well as a significant increase in the amount of funding the average request is for. It is anticipated that this trend will continue and therefore the opportunity for application intakes and the frequency with which meetings for grant applications should also be increased. The frequency of the formal regular committee meetings should be increase to monthly.

- 3) Council should have a discussion regarding as to what extent our taxpayers benefit from the service provided by charitable donations made by the City of Cold Lake, and how generous we as Council should be. Should Council continue to levy property taxes with the purpose of using an increasing portion of the revenue to grant to organizations and individuals, or should this money be left with the taxpayer so that the taxpayer can make their own decisions regarding its use, whether that use be charitable or not? Remembering the principle that there is only one taxpayer, council should be aware that there is a burden created by Council's generosity that is ultimately shouldered by the residents and businesses who pay property taxes in our jurisdiction.

The attached tables provides a summary of decisions made from Council's Goodwill, inclusive of the Community Recreation, Art, Culture and Heritage Grant Program, which is part of the Council Goodwill.

Signed Digitally on August 4, 2023

Councillor Vicky Lefebvre

2019 COUNCIL GOODWILL

General Council Goodwill		
2019 Budget		\$30,000
	Over Budget Amendment	\$60,000
Date	Organization	Amount
12-Feb-19	CLMHA - 2019 Bantam A Provincials	\$5,000.00
12-Mar-19	Ronald McDonald House Charities Northern Alberta - Run for Ronald	\$1,000.00
12-Mar-19	Ronald McDonald House Charities Northern Alberta - Charity Golf Classic	\$1,000.00
12-Mar-19	Portage College Student Scholarship Fundraising Dinner	\$1,000.00
12-Mar-19	Hearts for Healthcare Hospital Gala	\$800.00
26-Mar-19	Cold Lake Minor Ball U15 Zone Championship	\$1,000.00
09-Apr-19	Lakeland Multicultural Association - 3 events	\$5,000.00
09-Apr-19	Cold Lake Fighter Jets Football Donation	\$5,000.00
09-Apr-19	Cold Lake Fighter Jets Football Field Rental	\$5,000.00
09-Apr-19	UN Nato Veterans 3rd Annual Motorcycle Toy Run	\$500.00
14-May-19	Christopher Cowden - Moments in Spacetime production	\$10,000.00
14-May-19	6th Annual Lakeland 2019 Business of the Year Awards Gala	\$1,500.00
25-Jun-25	Cold Lake Valour Place - Golf Tournament Sponsorship	\$3,000.00
25-Jun-25	Cold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce - Feast at the Beach	\$10,000.00
09-Jul-19	Cold Lake Entertainment Society/Grand Parlour Verge Arts Festival	\$5,000.00
09-Jul-19	APEGA Lakeland Branch Golf Sponsorship	\$500.00
09-Jul-19	Grand Centre Lions Club Golf Sponsorship	\$750.00
09-Jul-19	4 Wing Sponsorship - Volksmarch & Oktoberfest	\$3,150.00
13-Aug-19	Hearts for Healthcare Mega Bounce 5K Run	\$3,000.00
27-Aug-19	N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd. Annual Golf Tournament Sponsorship	\$320.00
27-Aug-19	RCMP/Victim Services Annual Golf Tournament Sponsorship	\$260.00
10-Sep-19	Cold Lake Alpine Ski Society Sponsorship	\$450.00
08-Oct-19	Canadian Natural Event Sponsorship	\$500.00
Total		\$63,730.00

2020 COUNCIL GOODWILL

General Council Goodwill		
2020 Budget		\$60,000
Date	Organization	Amount
24-Nov-20	Hearts for Healthcare - Locum Housing & Dr. recruitment	\$30,000.00
11-Feb-20	CLMHA (Lakeland Midget Jaguars) 2020 Provincials	\$5,000.00
11-Feb-20	CLMHA (Lakeland Bantam Jaguars) 2020 Provincials	\$5,000.00
14-Jul-20	Lakeland Lodge & Housing Foundation - Raised Flower Beds	\$1,000.00
27-Oct-20	DMSCC Festival of Peace Online Auction	\$3,254.23
12-Nov-19	Cold Lake Alpine Ski Society Sponsorship	\$2,500.00
11-Feb-20	Kid's Time Out Play Program Sponsorship	\$100.00
14-Apr-20	RCMP Regimental Ball "Venue" Sponsorship	\$3,924.00
14-Jul-20	Ronald McDonald house Charities Northern Alberta Sponsorship	\$400.00
11-Aug-23	7th Annual Lakeland 2020 Business of the Year Awards Gala	\$1,500.00
25-Aug-20	Hearts for Healthcare Mega Bounce Run	\$5,000.00
08-Sep-20	N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd Annual Golf Tournament	\$240.00
10-Nov-20	May Theatres - Sponsored Christmas Show	\$1,050.00
24-Nov-20	30th Annual Santa's Anonymous	\$1,000.00
Total		\$59,968.23

2021 COUNCIL GOODWILL

General Council Goodwill		
2021 Budget		\$100,000
Date	Organization	Amount
26-Jan-21	Stars Air Ambulance Services	\$10,000.00
26-Jan-21	Age Friendly Cold Lake	\$5,000.00
09-Mar-21	Northern Lights Library System Virtual Conference - Silver Sponsorship	\$1,000.00
13-Apr-21	Lac La Biche County 2021 Healthier Communities Golf Tournament	\$500.00
08-Jun-21	Cold Lake Sailing Association	\$150.00
08-Jun-21	Hearts for Health Care 4th Annual Mega Bounce Virtual Run	\$3,000.00
13-Jul-21	Treaty Six Contemporary Art Collective (Indigenous Arts Festival)	\$12,000.00
12-Oct-21	31st Annual Santa's Anonymous	\$1,000.00
23-Feb-21	1st Kinosoo Scout Group	\$976.48
	Cold Lake Public Library	\$3,000.00
	Cold Lake Sailing Association	\$712.25
	Christopher Cowden	\$10,000.00
27-Apr-21	Cold Lake Fighter Jets	\$3,500.00
	Cold Lake Pickleball Club	\$300.00
	Lakeland Lacrosse Association	\$2,500.00
	Ronald McDonald House Charities Northern Alberta	\$2,000.00
27-Apr-21	Kinosoo Performing Arts Association	\$700.00
24-Aug-21	Assumption Jr/Sr High School	\$2,350.00
	Cold Lake District Sportsmen's Fish & Game Association	\$2,416.35
	Pirouette School of Dance	\$2,018.55
	Lakeland Mortorcycle Ride for Dad	\$2,500.00
28-Sep-21	Age Friendly Cold Lake	\$10,000.00
	Alexandra (Lexi) Macleod	\$500.00
	Canadian Fallen Heroes Foundation	\$2,500.00
	Cold Lake Bicycle Skills Park & Trails Society	\$2,500.00
	Cold Lake Tennis Club	\$3,527.50
	Lakeland Multicultural Association	\$5,000.00
Total		\$89,651.13

2022 COUNCIL GOODWILL

General Council Goodwill

2022 Budget	\$100,000
Over Budget Amendment	\$50,000
Over Budget Amendment	\$82,000
Over Budget Amendment	\$90,000

Date	Organization	Amount
2022-03-22	Hearts For Health Care - Sponsorship	\$11,000.00
	Hearts For Health Care - Grant	\$20,000.00
	Hearts For Health Care - Grant	\$10,000.00
2022-05-24	4-H Beef Fundraiser	\$5,000.00
2022-06-14	4-H Beef Fundraiser	\$3,000.00
2022-05-24	Clayton Bellamy Foundation	\$85,000.00
2022-08-09	Extreme Mudfest	\$10,000.00
2022-08-09	APEGA Lakeland Golf Tournament	\$500.00
2022-08-23	Tribal Chiefs Ventures Inc. Golf	\$250.00
2022-09-13	Cold Lake Aeros	\$6,500.00
2022-09-27	Cold Lake Snowmobile Club	\$600.00
2022-09-27	Bonnyville Minor Hockey	\$800.00
2022-10-11	32nd Annual Santa's Anonymous	\$1,000.00
2022-12-13	Cold Lake Agricultural Society	\$250.00
2022-03-08	Aeros Junior A Hockey Club	\$7,681.82
	Cold Lake Alpine Ski Society	\$1,200.00
	Cold Lake Minor Hockey Association - U18 Provincials	\$5,000.00
	Cold Lake Music Festival Association	\$1,500.00
	Titans Boxing Club Inc.	\$3,812.80
	Kid's Time Out	\$100.00
2022-05-10	Cold Lake Fighter Jets	\$5,500.00
	Cold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce - Feast on the Beach	\$10,000.00
	Cold Lake Victim Services Society	\$2,500.00
	Community Futures Lakeland	\$4,000.00
	Hearts for Healthcare	\$3,000.00
	MS Society of Canada c/o James Purdy	\$1,000.00
	Ronal McDonald House	\$2,000.00
	Pirouette School of Dance	\$2,500.00
2022-06-14	Cold Lake Junior B Hockey Society	\$2,500.00
	Cold Lake Sailing Association	\$4,500.00
2022-09-13	4 Wing Personnel Support Programs (PSP)	\$2,500.00
	Cheer Force Members Association	\$9,000.00
	Cold Lake Figure Skating Club	\$10,000.00
	Cold Lake Filipino Basketball League	\$7,150.00
	Cold Lake Sailing Association	\$463.80
	Lakeland Gymnastics Club	\$2,500.00
	Age Friendly Cold Lake Society	\$1,000.00
	Treaty 6 Contemporary Art Festival	\$10,558.56

2022-09-13	Cold Lake Fighter Jets	\$10,000.00
2022-09-27	Age Friendly Cold Lake Society	\$10,000.00
	Community Futures Lakeland	\$4,000.00
	Kid's Time Out	\$5,000.00
	Kinosoo Performing Arts	\$10,000.00
	Lakeland Multicultural Association	\$10,000.00
	Ronal McDonald House	\$8,000.00
	Wild North Eclectic Society	\$5,000.00
Total		\$315,866.98

2023 COUNCIL GOODWILL (TODATE)

General Council Goodwill		
2023		
Budget		\$100,000
	Over Budget Amendment	\$85,000
	Over Budget Amendment	\$40,000
Date	Organization	Amount
24-Jan-23	Bonnyville Health Foundation	\$5,000.00
24-Jan-23	Portage College	\$1,000.00
28-Mar-23	Hearts for Healthcare - Sponsorship & Table	\$11,000.00
28-Mar-23	Hearts for Healthcare - Dr. Recruitment	\$20,000.00
28-Mar-23	Hearts for Healthcare - Equipment	\$10,000.00
25-Apr-23	Ardmore 4-H Beef Club	\$9,000.00
25-Apr-23	Lac La Biche County 2023 Healthier Communities Golf Tournament	\$2,200.00
09-May-23	Power Up North Conference (Lakeland Community Futures & Cold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce)	\$20,000.00
23-May-23	Bonnyville Oil & Gas Show	\$2,500.00
23-May-23	Cold Lake First Nations National Indigenous Day Event	\$2,400.00
23-May-23	2023 Cold Lake RCMP Charity Golf Tournament	\$500.00
24-Jan-23	1st Kinosoo Scouts Association	\$2,027.55
24-Jan-23	Cold Lake Minor Hockey Association	\$4,761.13
24-Jan-23	Cold Lake Music Festival Association	\$1,500.00
24-Jan-23	Cold Lake Tennis Club	\$1,087.50
24-Jan-23	Hayden Midford c/o Lori Flanders Midford	\$500.00
24-Jan-23	Rhino's Volleyball Club	\$2,500.00
24-Jan-23	Pirouette School of Dance Society	\$2,500.00
25-Apr-23	Cold Lake Cruisers Car Club (Travis Roe & Grant Smith)	\$2,500.00
25-Apr-23	4 Wing Personnel Support Programs (PSP)	\$2,625.00
25-Apr-23	Rusty's Warriors (Angi Petri & Marcella Dybaylo)	\$1,000.00
25-Apr-23	Canadian Fallen Heroes Foundation	\$2,500.00
25-Apr-23	Cold Lake District Sportsmen's Fish and Game Association	\$2,500.00
25-Apr-23	Cold Lake Fighter Jets Football Club	\$4,500.00
25-Apr-23	Cold Lake Filipino Basketball League (ink-kind \$6,124.96)	\$8,624.96
25-Apr-23	Cold Lake Minor Ball Association	\$2,500.00
25-Apr-23	Cold Lake Minor Soccer Association (in-kind)	\$3,651.13
25-Apr-23	Cold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce Association	\$20,000.00
25-Apr-23	Cold Lake Sailing Association	\$2,500.00
25-Apr-23	Community Futures Lakeland	\$3,500.00
25-Apr-23	Filipino Association of Bonnyville and Cold Lake Alberta	\$2,500.00
25-Apr-23	Community Healing Round Dance for Cold Lake First Nations (Gerald Loth & Tiffany Janvier)	\$5,220.00

25-Apr-23	Hearts for Healthcare Ltd.	\$3,000.00
25-Apr-23	MS Ain't Purdy for MS Society of Canada (James Purdy)	\$1,000.00
25-Apr-23	Lakeland Lacrosse Association	\$5,000.00
25-Apr-23	Mitchell Gillis (Physical & Health Education National Conference PEI	\$350.00
25-Apr-23	Rbels Rugby Girls Program (Cold Lake High School)	\$2,042.00
25-Apr-23	Ride for Dad (Lakeland Chapter)	\$3,000.00
25-Apr-23	Take-Em Outfitters Ltd.	\$10,000.00
25-Apr-23	The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA) (In-kind)	\$1,561.61
25-Apr-23	Todd Adams (2023 Water Ski & Wake Alberta Surf Competition - Kinosoo Beach)	\$2,500.00
25-Apr-23	Wild Eclectic Society	\$5,000.00
23-May-23	Charity Golf Tournament in Honour of PSD Harp's Retirement	\$10,000.00
Total		\$206,050.88

Remaining

\$18,949