



## STAFF REPORT

**Title:** Request for Funding - Age Friendly Cold Lake - August 22, 2023 Delegation

**Meeting Date:** September 12, 2023

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### **Executive Summary:**

Age Friendly Cold Lake representatives John Bitz and Diane Stonehocker appeared as a delegation at Council's August 22, 2023 regular meeting of Council.

### **Background:**

#### **August 22, 2023 Delegation**

*Mayor Copeland welcomed Age Friendly Cold Lake representatives John Bitz and Diane Stonehocker to the Council meeting at this time being 6:20 p.m.*

*Mr. Bitz and Ms. Stonehocker provided an update, including statistics, on the programs provided to seniors by Age Friendly Cold Lake.*

*Mr. Bitz and Ms. Stonehocker requested that the City of Cold Lake provide 2024 Operating funding to Age Friendly Cold Lake in the amount of \$53,850 and a three (3) year commitment of funding from the City of Cold Lake.*

*Brief questions from Council ensued.*

*Mayor Copeland thanked Mr. Bitz and Ms. Stonehocker for the update and advised that their request for funding would be considered during 2024 Budget Deliberations.*

*Mr. Bitz and Ms. Stonehocker left the meeting at this time being 6:46 p.m.*

### **Administrative Comments:**

Administration understands that Age Friendly Cold Lake doesn't feel that the Social Inclusion and Infrastructure Grant aligns with their organization of which they are expressing the need, from their perspective, to have direct operational core funding from the City of Cold Lake. They acknowledge the importance of the services provided by the Cold Lake John Howard Society however there's simply not enough dedicated funding for their organization.

The Social Inclusion and Infrastructure Grant was developed by the City of Cold Lake to assist organizations in funding projects that will assist vulnerable people in the community. The grant - up \$100,000 in total - aims to mitigate social issues through a combination of preventive and intervention-based initiatives. The deadline to apply is Oct. 1.



It is administration advise that the Age Friendly Cold Lake continue to apply on this grant, as it is intended.

The following is the link to the City's Social Inclusion and Infrastructure Grant Program:

<https://coldlake.com/en/city-hall/social-inclusion-and-infrastructure-grant.aspx>

**Alternatives:**

Council may consider the following options:

1. That Council accept the Age Friendly Cold Lake delegation presentation made at the August 22, 2023 regular meeting of Council as information, and consider Age Friendly Cold Lake's request for 2024 operating funding in the amount of \$53,850.00 during the City's 2024 budget deliberations.
2. That Council accept the Age Friendly Cold Lake delegation presentation made at the August 22, 2023 regular meeting of Council as information, and direct administration to advise Age Friendly Cold Lake organization to apply under the City of Cold Lake's Social Inclusion and Infrastructure Grant Program.
3. That Council accept the Age Friendly Cold Lake delegation presentation made at the August 22, 2023 regular meeting of Council as information.

**Recommended Action:**

That Council accept the Age Friendly Cold Lake delegation presentation made at the August 22, 2023 regular meeting of Council as information, and direct Administration to advise Age Friendly Cold Lake organization to apply under the City of Cold Lake's Social Inclusion and Infrastructure Grant Program.

**Budget Implications (Yes or No):**

No

**Submitted by:**

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