



Staff Report

To: Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Jo-Anne Fields, Community Services Manager

Date: April 18, 2017

Report: CSD.17.02

Subject: Dashwood Community Centre Washroom Project –
FCC Farm Credit AgriSpirit Fund

Recommendation:

That South Huron Council receives the report from Jo-Anne Fields, Community Services Manager re: Dashwood Community Centre Washroom Project – FCC Farm Credit AgriSpirit Fund;

And that the Municipality of South Huron authorize staff to prepare a grant submission to the FCC Farm Credit AgriSpirit Fund to offset washroom project renovation costs at the Dashwood Community Centre.

Background and Analysis:

The present washroom facilities at the Dashwood Community Centre are not accessible and require renovating. This project is identified in the capital projects for 2017.

Through a staff report on May 4, 2015, community groups, individuals and the Dashwood Community Centre Advisory Board were granted

permission to begin fundraising endeavors and seeking out grant opportunities to support this project.

The Dashwood Men's Club Executive has approached staff to submit a grant to Farm Credit Canada on their behalf to support this project.

Operational Considerations:

Success of this grant opportunity will reduce project costs and continues to encourage volunteers to engage and support community projects.

South Huron's Strategic Plan:

7.2.3 Strategic Objective: Increased Communications and Municipal Leadership:

- Increased knowledge and ability to secure grants and support for municipality
- Identify creative approaches to securing funding for community building

Financial Impact:

This project was approved in the 2017 capital budget in the amount of \$120,000.00. The sources of funding proposed in the 2017 budget were \$21,600 from tax levy, \$60,000 from Ontario 150 Capital grant, \$18,400 from the Municipality of Bluewater and \$20,000 from community fundraising efforts.

A Farm Credit Canada application in the amount of \$20,000.00 would potentially offset the community fundraising revenues for this project. However, if we are unsuccessful with the Ontario 150 Capital grant application, this would be used to offset a portion of that revenue source.

Should we be unsuccessful with both grants this project will not move forward, unless community fundraising efforts are able to cover the balance of the project.

Legal Impact:

There are no legal implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

Staffing Impact:

There are no staffing implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

Policies/Legislation:

Public Fundraising for Future Municipal Assets Policy

Consultation:

Chief Administrative Officer – Consulted with the CAO to discuss this grant opportunity and to provide direction

Financial Services Manager/Treasurer – Consulted with the Financial Services Manager/Treasurer regarding this grant submission

Attachments:

- Public Fundraising for Future Municipal Assets Policy

Respectfully submitted,



Jo-Anne Fields
Community Services Manager

I concur with this report.

Dan Best MPA, BA
Chief Administrative Officer