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**Peterborough**

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**To: Members of the General Committee**

**From: Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services**

**Meeting Date: June 6, 2022**

**Subject: 2022 Investment Grant Surplus Allocation, Report CSD22-005**

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## **Purpose**

A report to recommend the award of the Community Investment Grants Surplus in the amount of \$20,458 to eligible community groups in 2022.

## **Recommendation**

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSD22-005, dated June 6, 2022, of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

That the recommendations of the Community Investment Grant Advisory Committee in the total amount of \$20,458 be allocated to various local charitable and Not-For-Profit organizations (NFP's) as detailed in Table 1.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

The recommendations can be accommodated within the approved \$212,642 Community Investment Grants budget.

## **Background**

This year the city received twelve applications for Investment Grant funding, and all twelve applications received funding. Due to the low number of applications received and the Committee's evaluation of those applications, a surplus of funds remained. The

Committee discussed how best to approach this unique occurrence and recommended a motion to Council addressing the surplus.

The recommendation was for the funds to be used for emerging issues that present themselves later in 2022 and for those potential options to be brought back to the Community Investment Grant Advisory Committee for review. If deemed eligible and appropriate, the Committee would recommend to Council that this remaining funding be used at that time. The Committee passed a further recommendation that any unused Community Grant funds in 2022 should be carried over and used to supplement the 2023 Community Investment Grants budget.

The following motions were included in Report CSD22-002 and passed by Council on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022:

- That the remaining surplus Community Grant funds be used for emerging 2022 community requests, and be brought back to the Community Investment Grant Advisory Committee for review and subsequent approval by Council at a later date; and
- That any unused Community Grant funds at the end of the year be carried over to 2023 and used for the 2023 Community Investment Grant budget.

Staff were also made aware of a technical issue with the City's 2022 online application process (following public release of report CSD22-002) which resulted in one application not being processed and considered during the initial Committee review due to a technical issue. Through a staff investigation it was discovered that the application was indeed submitted on time and complete but due to a technical issue not identified as complete.

A notice was sent to all Service Grant recipient organizations receiving less than \$100,000 from the City for the opportunity to submit a project request for consideration by the Committee.

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Investment Grant Advisory Committee met to review the missed Investment Grant application and emerging surplus grant applications. The committee has recommended the allocation of the remaining funds as indicated in Table 1.

**Table 1 Organizations and Projects Recommended for Funding**

Organization	Summary of Request	Recommended Amount
Community Care Peterborough	The Meals on Wheels program is so much more than a meal, it can be a safety net. With increased living costs, some seniors and adults living with disabilities are struggling and simply cannot afford regular meals. Community Care is requesting \$5,000 to help support our Give a Meal Program Campaign.	\$5,000
Peterborough Historical Society-Hutchison House Museum	To replace the concrete at the base of the office stairs and install a bike rack for staff, volunteers, and visitors to use at the museum.	\$1,958
Council for Person's with Disabilities	CPD requests a grant of \$5000 to support Capable Con 2022 which will focus on educational awareness about disability, accessibility, and inclusion through superhero illustrations.	\$3,500
Market Hall Performing Arts Centre	Market Hall PAC is requesting funds to upgrade its ticketing platform to meet post covid-19 challenges.	\$3,000
Peterborough Folk Festival	Peterborough Folk Festival requests emerging need grant to help cover the costs of paying performers affected by the Pandemic.	\$3,000
Peterborough Drug Strategy (hosted by FourCAST)	PDS is requesting funds to hire an external consultant to support strategic planning and post COVID-19 engagement to strengthen collaboration and sustainability for the collective.	\$2,000
Peterborough Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC)	PBAC requests \$2000.00 to support the development of education, communication, and engagement activities that will enhance utilitarian and recreational cycling in the City of Peterborough.	\$2,000

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