

There was a special council meeting this morning in which the community grants were awarded and other budget discussions. The grants were awarded as follows:

Cavendish Culture and Recreation Committee Requested \$ 8,450.28 Recvd \$ 4,981.

Galway Hall Committee Requested \$ 2,160.00 Recvd \$ 2,160.00

Beautiful Buckhorn Foundation Requested \$ 3,500.00 Recvd \$ 1,750.00

Buckhorn Community Centre and Athletic Association Requested \$ 45,000.00 Recvd \$ 30,950.00

Buckhorn District Tourist Association (BDTA) Requested \$5000 Recvd \$3000

Community Care Buckhorn Requested \$ 7,000.00 Recvd \$ 7,000.00

Firefighters' Association of Trent Lakes Requested \$ 1,400.00 Recvd \$1,400.00

Greater Harvey Historical Society Requested \$ 2,500.00 Recvd \$ 2,500.00

Kawartha Lakes Stewards Association Requested \$ 1,000.00 Recvd \$ 1,000.00

Kinmount Agricultural Society (KAS) Requested \$ 1,000.00 Recvd \$ 1,000.00

Trent Lakes Outreach Centre (TLOC) Requested \$ 1,000.00 Recvd \$ 1,000.00

Trent Lakes-Selwyn Seniors Requested \$ 800.00 Recvd \$ 400.00

#### Other Budget Discussion

The assessment growth for 2021 is 0.79% which is down from 1.14% growth in 2020 and 1.60% in 2019.

The tax rate increase for 2021 is 0.05%. For a single family detached is a total increase of \$3.90. Single Family detached Water will be \$11.10 and Seasonal Dwelling Water is \$7.78

A more detailed discussion (Treasurer Teggart's full report) is posted on the agenda.

Councillor Armstrong brought up the concept of a branding strategy as suggested by Letter M – Strategy and Branding experts. It would engage the services of a specialized consultant to help Trent Lakes develop a Branding Strategy. \$20,000 Councillor Lambshead suggested deferring this idea for 2021 because of other economic development activity.

\$20,000 in another motion was approved to support communications strategy to build on Letter M's recommendations.

Economic Development Advisory Committee requested \$87,000. Lambshead recommended going forward with what can be funded from reserves minus \$17,000. Granted \$66,000 to be used on projects of their choosing.

Specific budget requests for specific projects may be found on the municipal website.

Trailtown requested \$21,959.10. \$11,793 is the actual levy amount. \$10,166 carryover. Some may be supported through provincial moneys. Councillor Armstrong moved that money be provided and that any provincial money provided be subtracted from budgeted amount. She also asked for a report on what they are doing with the money in the middle of the year.

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Recreation and Facilities will lease a compact tractor-loader-backhoe instead of purchasing at this time.

New to fleet truck – replacing a vehicle that is already on site but there is no budgeted amount to replace if present vehicle should fail so that it is in asset management plan. Approved