

Special Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Stephanie McPherson, CEO Trent Lakes Public Library
Re: 2022 Library Budget Requests

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Reviewed activities of library during Covid. need to Expand digital collection, e books and audio books and periodicals. Grab and Go for children. Hope Youth Group resumes soon. Good Buy Room not open.

Increase of 3% asked for in '22 because of closure of Good Buy Room.

Reviewed planned costs.

Armstrong motion to receive. Lambshead seconded. Carried.

Resolution to approve levy – Franzen Seconded by Armstrong. Carried.

Mark Majchrowski, Chief Administrative Officer, Kawartha Region Conservation Authority (KRCA)
Re: Kawartha Conservation 2022 Preliminary Budget

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2.5 % increase in municipal level - increase for Trent Lakes \$1421

Discussion of Talking Forest. Franzen commented and asked for info for Trent Lakes .

Clarkson question re mudding and wild rice.

Mudding result of ripping around on ATV. From regulation standpoint, this is an activity. We don't regulate an activity. Mudding activities wouldn't qualify under our regulations. Sustainable activities for trails could get our support.

Wild rice – We have some involvement – limited. Developed Pigeon Lake mgt plan. Recommendation for wild rice. Left it as everyone needs to chat. It is really a governance issue between Canada govt and First Nations. Not an active file for us at this time.

Armstrong – Motion to improve the increase in budget. Seconded and carried.

Donna Teggart, CAO/Treasurer
Re: Grant Applications

2022 Grant Applications Summary
Galway Hall
Buckhorn Community Centre and Athletic Association
Buckhorn Public School Parent Council
Firefighters Association of Trent Lakes
Greater Harvey Historical Society
Kawartha Lake Stewards Association
Kawartha Land Trust
Kinmount Agricultural Society (Kinmount Fair)
Trent Lakes Outreach Centre (TLOC)
Trent Lakes - Selwyn Seniors Club
Buckhorn District Tourist Association (BDTA)
Beautiful Buckhorn Foundation Inc
Cavendish Culture and Recreation Committee

Delegations

Bill Kent, President of BCC

Update on BCC initiatives –Participation in PRCAC Master Plan,

Expect to need two new paid staff in the next year.

BCC is a partnership with community. Some partnerships are more formal than others but all are in motion.

Armstrong – The request comes before your books are closed so it is difficult to know what the need or gap is. What can you say about 2021 finances?

Kent – I am not the best person to talk to about finances. There is a committee. Have applied for many grants but you spend money for what it was applied for and then it is gone.

Armstrong – would like to know 2021 financial summary.

Kent offered year end balance sheet. Armstrong – Perfect.

Lambshead emphasized importance of partnerships.

Clarkson – Rink is listed as BCC rink. Time is going and opportunities to put in another spot are narrowing. BCC is “stumbling block.” “We have been on tender hooks for long time for BCC to say yes or no.”

Armstrong – Council made request for ask. They are preparing response.

Clarkson – not disagreeing but this request has been asked many times over last two years.

Franzen – This has been done but not thru Council but thru a committee.

Lambshead – due process has been followed. This particular item has been debated properly. “Doesn’t think there was ever a mandate which asked for specific answer until now.”

Kent – Reviewed history of rink matters. Believes that many people have been speakers for rink. Who is the official person? BCC cant be organization approving rink for entire municipality.”

John Harvey – Firefighters Association for Trent lakes

Application for (phone call lost focus)

Clarkson – you guys do fantastic job.

Hayden Wilson – Kawartha Land Trust

Looking to do projects at Chase Memorial Park.

Quite a bit of works at Chase over past year. Tree planting, active habitat, stewardship projects, improving trails, school group excursions, Youth group TREKS,

John Earle Chase Tall Grass Territory – very rare. Some evidence that this was present at Chase.

Purple Loose Strife – dominates thru some of the wetlands. Many bags removed

Trail upgrades -Filling seeps and muddy spots with gravel, Boardwalks over sensitive habitats, Protection of trails from further erosion, gates to prevent vehicle access to protect habitats

Habitat Improvement for Species at Risk – establishing cavity nest boxes, Native shrub planting as forage for birds, wetland viewing platform for SAR observations.

Lambshead – what species of trees did you plant.

Wilson - Forest Gene Association production of genetically pure seeds through Ontario. Had many white pines – 2468 trees had to get into ground and they were donated to us.

Clarkson – Lack of parking.

Wilson – will take it into our work plans for this year

Endrit Karaj from Buckhorn Public School Parent Council – discuss outdoor play structure proposed for the school. All play equipment gets annual inspection. Previous structure had to be removed. goal for new is \$50,000. Anticipates year to year and a half to raise funds.

Armstrong – play structure would be avbl to public during non school hours. These kinds of outside play structures are not funded by province or school board. Completely funded by community with very little support from Board who says it is responsibility of community.

Clarkson – how many children? 150

Pam Dickey – Trent Lakes Selwyn Seniors. Getting more growth of Seniors in our area. Need website design linked to community – library, tourism, BCC....

Establish activities such as lawn bowling, carpet bowling....

Clarkson – Have you thought of joining with Diner’s Blub.

Dickey – We do. Many of us go once a month. We want to get some stuff going for younger Seniors.

Potluck that they support has moved into main room of BCC. 35 members.

Franzen – Great work! Needed for Seniors.

Motion to receive all delegations. Motion carried.

Three grant applications received after deadline.

Beautiful Buckhorn

Cavendish Culture and Rec

Tourist Association

Armstrong supports to receive but also think this is unfair to those that did not attempt as it was past deadline. Caution that we are being over generous to these people that we are allowing. Establishing precedent to ignoring procedure.

Franzen agrees with Armstrong. Deadline should be adhered to.

Applications were received.

Galway Hall – looking for support for insurance and internet. \$1896.44

Lamshead – motion to approve full amount. Approved

Cavendish – application also for volunteer insurance \$1470.58

Windover – motion to receive. Carried.

Trent Lakes Outreach Center – Franzen supports \$1000 request

Carried.

Kawartha Lakes Stewards Association – Armstrong to approve \$1000 as requested. Carried

Kawartha Land Trust – Windover moved to approve for \$5100. Carried.

Trent Lakes Selwyn Seniors – motion carried

Kinmount Agricultural Society – Franzen moved to support \$1000. Believes that it is important to revitalize fair after Covid Carried

Firefighters association – Franzen supports \$1100.

Buckhorn Public School Council – Windover moved to provide \$5000.

Franzen believes that this should be responsibility of school boards. We have done much to provide for school. Asks for recorded vote.

Clarkson – Board doesn't support in any schools. It has fallen back on school councils. She would support

Lamshead would support smaller amount \$3000.

Windover changed motion to \$3000.

Franzen said amount is not that important. what do we do when our kids that go to Bobcaygeon or Kinmount schools ask for help.

Carried.

Greater Harvey Historical Society – Armstrong moves to provide \$2000.

Doesn't believe that we should be paying entire budget for an entire NGO activity. If we pay all of budget of an organization then we should be controlling.

Changed to \$3000. Carried.

Buckhorn Tourist Association – Franzen motion for \$4000

Franzen said there seems to be overlap between Beautiful Buckhorn and BDTA

Clarkson – we have considered hiring an Economic Development Officer. That building does more than another staff person.

Carried.

Beautiful Buckhorn – Franzen moves for \$1500. Lamshead seconds. Carried.

\$21,700 awarded so far. Balance would be \$29,032.

BCC – Franzen moves that we grant BCC \$29,000. Lamshead seconds.

Armstrong – Personally, I am unable to make decision until I see their financials. Would like to defer until financials are provided.

Franzen – this is over \$2000 less than what we gave last year.

Carried.

Teggart – Budget discussion

2.7 billion 0.07% tax rate decrease. Assessment has gone up slightly but most people will see same assessment.

Lamshead –motion That Council receive the 2022 Draft Budget Update Report from the CAO/Treasurer; and further That Council approve single source procurement for both GPS monitoring equipment and insurance renewal June 30, 2022 – June 30, 2023; and further That Council direct the transfer of \$132,149.83 from the Safe Restart Reserve to be used to offset 2021 COVID-19 costs.

Carried.

Dylan Cosh, Director of Recreation and Facilities
Re: Capital Budget Request - Galway Kitchen

[2022 Budget Information Paper - Galway Kitchen](#)

\$155,000 includes small contingency for unseen incidentals in renovation process

Armstrong – can we not fund this through reserves since it is a capitol project rather than raising taxes.

Teggart – not enough left in reserves as some was used in siding project. Not enough let in this department at this time.

Armstrong – Because Parks and Rec is a small department can we fund this through reserves.

Teggart - Some money in accessibility reserve.

Cosh – some energy savings as a result of renovation.

Armstrong – moves adding this to 2022 budget but funding it as much as possible through Reserves.
Carried.

Lamshead – Grants possible?

Teggart – have seen grants for this type of thing before but not aware of anything at this time but we will explore.

Dylan Cosh, Director of Recreation and Facilities
Re: Recreation and Facilities Budget Request - Open Spaces Master Plan

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Cosh – Open Spaces discussed plan for Open Spaces - Approve Budget for hiring a consultant to create an Open Spaces Master Plan for Trent Lakes. \$30,000

Armstrong moves to approve as it is already in Budget. Franzen seconds. Carried.

Dylan Cosh, Director of Recreation and Facilities
Re: EDAC Ode'Naang Park Improvement Priorities

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Franzen would support garden and portable washrooms for coming year and do one project per year.

Armstrong have worked on EDAC. Shocked at final price tag. We have \$66,000 budgeted for improvements to park this year. Garden and washrooms would increase taxes by 2 – 3%.

Suggests that we stick to \$66,000 or extend to \$100,00 if reserves are available. Not prepared to raise taxes.

Lamshead agrees with Armstrong.

Windover agrees with Lamshead and Armstrong.

Armstrong – can we find \$34,000 in Reserves to bump up to \$100,000. If answer is no then suggest to leave at \$66,000.

Teggart – is potential to use some gas tax funding for playground. There is an application for grants for playground.

Clarkson – definitely in favor of washrooms versus \$225,000 gazebo

Armstrong – moves that we approve \$100,00 – \$66,00 that is already there plus \$34,00 for reserves and have committee tell us how to spend the \$100,000.

Carried.

