



CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Tourism and Culture Division

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| TO: | Mayor and Members General Issues Committee |
| COMMITTEE DATE: | August 14, 2017 |
| SUBJECT/REPORT NO: | Hamilton Future Fund (PED17135) (City Wide) |
| WARD(S) AFFECTED: | City Wide |
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RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That staff be directed to submit a grant application to the Hamilton Future Fund (HFF) for the Hamilton Children’s Museum Expansion in the amount of \$600,000.
- (b) That staff be directed to submit a grant application to the Hamilton Future Fund for the Adaptive Re-Use of St. Marks in the amount of \$500,000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report requests approval to submit two funding applications to HFF from the Tourism and Culture Division. The first application is for the Hamilton Children’s Museum Expansion at \$600,000 and the second is for the Adaptive Re-Use of St. Mark’s at \$500,000. Council has approved both development projects.

Both projects are ‘shovel ready’ and have been identified in the Tourism and Culture 10 year Capital Plan. A shortfall of \$600,000 remains to complete the Children’s Museum expansion and \$500,000 for unforeseen site conditions at St. Mark’s such as foundations and brick structural issues.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

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FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: Although there are no financial implications regarding the recommendation to submit grant applications, if successful, funding to complete the projects is forecasted in the Tourism and Culture 10 year Capital Plan. A shortfall of \$600,000 remains to complete the Children’s Museum expansion and \$500,000 for unforeseen site conditions at St. Mark’s.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Council approved an expansion of the Hamilton Children’s Museum in 2013 (PED13152(a)). The Gage Park Master Plan identifies a large Children’s Museum building within the park and adjacent to the greenhouses. Design work has been completed.

St. Mark’s development as a Cultural Centre was supported by Council in 2015 (PED15162(a)). Construction is underway, however unforeseen site conditions, such as the state of the foundations and structural issues with the tower has increased the costs for restoration. It should be noted that St. Mark’s did receive capital funding under the Canada 150 program.

In 2015, Council directed staff to explore other potential funding opportunities to supplement the funding shortfall to expedite the Capital work.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

N/A

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Director, Tourism and Culture Division, Planning and Economic Development Department

Manager, Heritage Resource Management, Tourism and Culture Division, Planning and Economic Development Department

Senior Project Manager, Heritage Facilities and Capital Management, Tourism and Culture Division, Planning and Economic Development

Manager, Finance and Administration (Planning and Economic Development), Financial Planning, Administration and Policy Division, Corporate Services Department

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ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Heritage Resource Management (HRM) section of the Tourism and Culture Division actively seeks funding opportunities for a variety of Heritage capital projects throughout the year. As such, the HRM section identified the HFF as a potential funding source. Priority for HFF funding is given to granting initiatives where:

- the applicant is a not-for-profit, registered charitable organization or leveraged partnership,
- funds will be used to create legacy projects and initiatives for present and future Hamiltonians,
- projects provide a permanent benefit, long-term impact and return on investment,
- projects provide a clear long-term impact on economic growth and improved quality of life, and,
- there is a process for timely evaluation with indicators in place for specific, measurable results.

The projects recommended for application for HFF the Children's Museum Expansion and the Adaptive Re-Use of St. Mark's; align to the HFF Mission Statement and Guiding Principles. The projects provide a permanent benefit, long term impact and return on investment. Hamilton's built heritage is integral to Hamilton's quality of life and place. Built heritage resources give vibrancy to the city as well as foster a sense of community and pride.

The projects have the potential to develop partnerships with community groups and other service providers and at the same time generate income. Further, the projects have the potential to generate revenue for surrounding and secondary businesses such as hotels, restaurants and retail shops and to create employment.

Applications to the Hamilton Future Fund(HFF) will be evaluated by the Board of Governors against their Mission Statement and Guiding Principles. Only applicants meeting the criteria and located in, and requesting funding for, project initiatives in the City of Hamilton will be considered. The final decision for grant approval rests with City Council.

Grant applications will be accepted until October 20, 2017. Multiple applications from eligible organizations are acceptable. Due to the volume of applicants, partial funding requests may be approved. Each application is required to submit the minimum amount of funding required to move forward with the project.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

N/A

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

Economic Prosperity and Growth

Hamilton has a prosperous and diverse local economy where people have opportunities to grow and develop.

Healthy and Safe Communities

Hamilton is a safe and supportive city where people are active, healthy, and have a high quality of life.

Built Environment and Infrastructure

Hamilton is supported by state of the art infrastructure, transportation options, buildings and public spaces that create a dynamic City.

Culture and Diversity

Hamilton is a thriving, vibrant place for arts, culture, and heritage where diversity and inclusivity are embraced and celebrated.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A

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