



MEMORANDUM

TO: Argyle Council

FROM: Alain D. Muise, CPA, CA

SUBJECT: Club Social des Iles Funding Request

DATE: January 25, 2023

Background

The Club Social des Iles has recently been identified as a new comfort centre, and they have been approved for funding from the province for a generator for their comfort centre. The Club is requesting additional funds from the Municipality to help cover unexpected costs they shall incur in the installation. Their official request is attached for reference. Staff has reviewed the request and the applicable policies and prepared a report for council to assist in deciding how to handle this request.

Article C37 – Community Halls Grants Program

As the Club Social des Iles is a Community Hall, the Community Halls Grants Program Policy is applicable in this scenario.

- Section 4.4 states: projects eligible for funding are: Facility technology upgrade – upgrade facility mechanical, security and other systems essential to operation of facility. ***The Club's request falls under this section of the policy.***
- Section 6.1 c states: In applying for Community Hall Capital Project Grant funding, the following will be taken into consideration in assessing applications: Benefits related to the community hall's ability to provide emergency services (i.e. comfort centers, shelters, etc.) ***The Club's request falls under this section of the policy.***
- Section 7.1 states: Maximum level of funding for any one facility and any one organization will be determined by Council on an annual basis. For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the maximum funding per eligible community hall is \$10,000. ***The Club received \$10,000 in 2021-2022, therefore according to the policy, has maximized its grant.***
- Section 7.2 states: No organization can participate in this grant program a second time, unless and until the other eligible halls have had an opportunity to apply and receive funds. ***The Club received funding in the amount of \$10,000 from the Municipality under the Community Halls Grant Program in the 2021-2022 fiscal year, therefore the request does not meet 7.2.***



- Section 7.4 states: Council will decide how many halls they wish to fund. If the total funding amount requested from the applications does not reach the amount decided on for that particular year, other applications will be considered providing the total disbursed amount does not exceed the maximum funding amount. ***The Club can apply for a Community Hall Grant for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, and if there are no other applications from other halls, or if the requests don't equal the amount council sets for the year for the Community Halls Grant budget, Council may consider their request, but are currently limited to \$10,000, as noted above).***

Article C4 – Grants to Organization

Staff also reviewed the request and the Grants to Organization policy, specifically under the special requests clause 6.6.

- Section 6.6 of the Grants to Organization Policy states: Council will consider a request outside of the provisions in section 4 if it meets all of the following conditions:
 - a) The request is for a special event or activity;
 - b) The application is made through our online grants to organizations process;
 - c) The event or activity is held in the Municipality of Argyle or clearly benefits businesses in the Municipality;

Based on staff's evaluation, the Clubs request does not apply in the Special Request category.

Conclusion

The request for \$2,000 funding for the subsequent year does not meet our policies for funding. Should council wish to approve a request of this nature, it will require an amendment to its current policy on community hall funding.

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