

Report to Council

| Department: | Development Services |
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| Division: | Economic Development |
| Date: | June 3, 2024 |
| Prepared by: | Nelson Silveira, Manager, Economic Development |
| Report Number: | Economic Development-2024-05 |
| Subject: | Essex Tourism Events Fund Application |
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Recommendation(s)

That Economic Development-2024-05 entitled Essex Tourism Events Fund Application prepared by Nelson Silveira, Manager, Economic Development dated June 3, 2024, be received, and

That Council approve the distribution of \$1,000.00 of funding to the Rotary Club of Essex from the Essex Tourism Events Fund.

Purpose

To provide Council with an update on events applying for funding through the Essex Tourism Events Fund.

Background and Discussion

The maximum grant payable through the Essex Tourism Events Fund for projects with an operating budget of less than \$35,000.00 is \$1,000.00 and the maximum payable for project

budgets over \$35,000.00 is \$2,000.00. The maximum grant that may be made to any non-profit organization from the Tourism Events Fund is \$2,000.00.

In accordance with the Essex Tourism Events Fund Policy, Administration has reviewed the following application to ensure all criteria are met.

| Proponent | Request | Project | Date of Event |
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| Rotary Club of Essex Feast on the Farm | \$1,000.00 | Agritourism Event Promotion Activities | June 22, 2024 |

Financial Impact

The Essex Tourism Events Fund has a total budget of \$10,000.00 for 2024, \$4,000.00 of which has already been distributed. If approved, a total amount of \$1,000.00 of funding will be distributed to the successful applicant leaving a balance of \$5,000.00 in the fund.

Link to Strategic Priorities

- Embrace asset management best practices to build, maintain, and continuously improve our municipally owned infrastructure.
- Everage our Town's competitive advantages to promote jobs and economic investment.
- □ Take care of our natural environment and strengthen the sense of belonging to everyone who makes Essex "home".
- Deliver friendly customer service in an efficient, effective, and transparent manner while providing an exceptional working environment for our employees.
- Build corporate-level and community-level climate resilience through community engagement and partnership and corporate objectives.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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Lori Chadwick, Director, Development Services - May 24, 2024 - 2:36 PM

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Doug Sweet, Chief Administrative Officer - May 24, 2024 - 2:38 PM