

REPORT

REPORT TO: Chair and Members of the Community Affairs Committee

REPORT FROM: Planning and Infrastructure

DATE: October 26, 2015

REPORT NO.: PI-2015-0035

RE: 2015 Community Sustainability Investment Fund:
Recommended Funding for The Red Door Gallery
File No.: D27-IN

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PI-2015-0035, dated October 26, 2015 regarding a request for funding from the Community Sustainability Investment Fund, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee authorize providing funding to the Red Door Gallery via the Community Sustainability Investment Fund, as recommended by the Town Sustainability Implementation Committee, and subject to the applicant providing any additional information that may be required.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this report is to obtain the Community Affairs Committee's approval to provide \$470.00 (plus GST) of the requested \$2,000.00 in funding from the 2014 Community Sustainability Investment Fund to the Red Door Gallery as per the recommendation of the Town Sustainability Implementation Committee.

The purpose of the Community Sustainability Investment Fund is to enable local community groups and organizations to take on local community-based actions that directly contribute to the implementation of the Community Sustainability Strategy. The Fund provides seed-funding. It is designed to help applicants leverage funding from other sources, and to establish partnerships between the Town and the community. The Fund supports the Town's Strategic Plan which has identified sustainability as one of Council's priorities.

COMMENTS:

In June 2015, via Report 2015-0047, the Town Sustainability Implementation Committee (TSIC) recommended to the Community Affairs Committee that seven of the fifteen applications to the Community Sustainability Investment Fund be awarded funding. All of the available \$10,000.00 was awarded, leveraging a total of \$209,372.62 in combined project value. An additional application was submitted by the Red Door Gallery however it was not received by the Office of Sustainability due to no fault of the applicant.

To resolve this situation Town staff recommended to TSIC that the same Funding Selection Committee that reviewed the prior applications submitted to Community Sustainability Investment Fund review the Red Door Gallery application under the same guidelines as they had done for the other 2015 Community Investment Fund applications.

Up to a maximum of \$2,000.00 per project, per applicant, per intake period may be funded according to the guidelines of the Community Sustainability Investment Fund. In total, a maximum of \$10,000.00 may be funded per intake period.

In 2014, the full \$10,000.00 available in the Community Sustainability Investment Fund was not allocated. Therefore at TSIC's September 30th, 2015 meeting TSIC recommended that \$470.00 (plus GST) of the unused \$5,040.00 funds from 2014 be awarded to the Red Door Gallery.

The Red Door Gallery is located in downtown Georgetown. The Gallery is operated by a group of local volunteers and a part-time Gallery Manager. The awarded funding would allow the Red Door Gallery to purchase and install a mail/lock box. This will increase the efficiency and security of the site and its volunteers. The Red Door Gallery will also purchase and install hanging holders that will increase rentable space in the entryway.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

Sustainability is a key component of the Town's Strategic Plan and is one of Council's priorities. By supporting the implementation of the Community Sustainability Strategy, funding provided via the Community Sustainability Investment Fund will advance the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Community Sustainability Investment Fund relies on existing funding which has already been approved by Council.

COMMUNICATIONS IMPACT:

Upon authorization, Town staff will notify the Red Door Gallery applicant in writing with the outcome of the Community Affairs Committee's decision. Staff will also assist the applicant with the processing of their request.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

The Town is committed to implementing the Community Sustainability Strategy, Imagine Halton Hills. Doing so will lead to a higher quality of life. The relationship between this report and the Strategy is summarized below:

Do the report's recommendations advance the Strategy's implementation? Yes.

Which pillar(s) of sustainability does this report support? Cultural Vibrancy, Environmental Health, Economic Prosperity and Social Well-being.

In summary, the Sustainability Implications of this report are as follows:

The Town is committed to implementing our Community Sustainability Strategy, Imagine Halton Hills. The Community Sustainability Investment Fund assists the community in leveraging funding to help implement the Community Sustainability Strategy. Ultimately, quality of life will be raised through the actions of the funding recipients.

Overall, the alignment of this report with the Community Sustainability Strategy is: Excellent.

CONSULTATION:

The recommendations of this Report are based on feedback from the Town Sustainability Implementation Community.

CONCLUSION:

The Town appreciates and recognizes the value and benefits of working in collaboration with community stakeholders to advance the implementation of the Community Sustainability Strategy, focusing on raising quality of life for the residents in Halton Hills. The Community Sustainability Investment Fund is an investment to support the community's participation in shaping the future of Halton Hills.

Respectfully submitted,

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