COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee

From: Ken DeHart, County Treasurer

Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Subject: 2023 Community Grants

Background:

The County has historically provided grants to a variety of community organizations. The attached analysis outlines the requests and approvals for 2022, and the requests that have been received to date for 2023. The grant applications are separated into various sections based on the applicant, a brief overview of each is provided below:

Scholarships and Awards include the Grant McLellan Award awarded to a deserving student at Wellington Heights high school. The Luella Logan Award for Outstanding Service by a Woman Politician will be presented to a retired female politician who has shown outstanding service in local politics with the County of Wellington, or one of the County's member municipalities. The recipient will receive a donation of \$1,500 to allocate to the charity of her choice. The Luella Logan Scholarship will grant \$1,500 annually to a young woman pursuing post-secondary studies in political science, public administration, or a related undergraduate or graduate degree at a Canadian college or university. In addition there are ten \$1,000 scholarships awarded to graduating high school students who demonstrate a financial need or academic excellence.

Exempt Organizations include all agricultural societies within Wellington County as well a number of other associations. These organizations are exempt from the formal grant application process and will receive \$1,000 from the County provided they send correspondence indicating a need for the grant for the year in question.

Community Programmes that apply for a grant will be allotted a maximum of \$2,000 per application.

Community Events that apply for a grant will be allotted a maximum of \$2,000 per application.

Special circumstances include those associations or applicants that do not fall under the above categories or ones that have made grant requests exceeding the \$2,000 maximum.

The 2023 Budget allocation for Community Grants is \$88,800. The full application for any particular group is available upon request.

Recommendation:

That the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee review and give consideration to the attached grant requests for 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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County Treasurer