REPORT

MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting

To:	Council
From:	Carly Collins, Treasurer
Date:	June 18, 2025
Subject:	Sioux Area Senior's Activity Centre Contribution
Report No.:	2025-569

TITLE: Sioux Area Senior's Activity Centre Contribution

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorizes the passing of By-law No. 41-25, Being a By-law to Establish an Annual Funding Contribution to the Sioux Area Senior's Activity Centre; and further

THAT Council give direction to Staff on how they would like the donation funded for the next 5 years.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the recommendation is to enable Council to establish a five-year funding commitment to the Sioux Area Seniors Activity Centre and to receive direction on how the donation is to be funded.

BACKGROUND:

The Sioux Area Seniors Activity Centre (SASAC) provides various recreational and educational programs and services to those citizens aged 55 years and older. The Drop-in Centre located on Front Street is a hub of activity, including social events (picnics, BBQs, fish-fry's), courses and workshops to bolster computer literacy and other skills, organizing and providing volunteer support to other organizations within the community, and much more.

The Seniors Active Living Centres Act, 2017, requires that Seniors Centres that wish to obtain funding from the province must secure 20% of their annual operating budget funding from the municipality in which they are located. In the past, the province permitted this contribution via in-kind goods and/or services, however, the Municipality has not been able to provide sufficient in-kind contributions to total the 20% contribution requirement.

In the 2019 budget, Council approved a "donation" to the Sioux Area Seniors Activity Centre (SASAC) in the amount of $13,490, or 20% of the Centre's 2019-2020 operating budget. As this will be an ongoing, annual requirement, the SASAC has requested that Council consider a five-year commitment.

Council approved the following 5-year commitment:

- For the 2020-2021 fiscal year: up to $13,760.
- For the 2021-2022 fiscal year: up to $14,035.
- For the 2022-2023 fiscal year: up to $14,315.
- For the 2023-2024 fiscal year: up to $14,600.
- For the 2024-2025 fiscal year: up to $14,892.

DISCUSSION:

The current By-law has expired and the Sioux Lookout Area Seniors Activity Centre is seeking a commitment from Council for the next 5-years. In order for SASAC to continue to acquire government funding to support their operations, they require commitment from the municipality.

SASAC is currently asking Council for the following 5-year commitment:

- For the 2025-2026 fiscal year: up to $9,544.
- For the 2026-2027 fiscal year: up to $9,795.
- For the 2027-2028 fiscal year: up to $10,053.
- For the 2028-2029 fiscal year: up to $10,317.
- For the 2029-2030 fiscal year: up to $10,588.

Increase of 2.63% has been included as part of the contribution for each year.

In the previous years, the Municipality was supporting SASAC's request through taxation as the Municipality did not have any other means to fund this request. Council has given Staff direction to support donation requests through the municipal portion of the Municipal Accommodation Tax. Staff are requesting direction on how they would like to fund the request, if Council is supportive.

RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

Community Development

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There is no current financial implication, as this year's rate is already within the 2025 Budget. The next 4-years would need to be determined, if Council would like to support it through their $25,000 donation of the Municipal Accommodation Tax.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 41-25 -- Establish Annual Funding for Sioux Area Seniors Activity Centre.doc
2. Sioux Area Senior Activity Centre.pdf

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