



SIoux LOOKOUT
Hub of the North

REPORT

MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting

To:	Council
From:	Carly Collins, Treasurer
Date:	September 18, 2024
Subject:	Requests for Financial Support
Report No.:	2024-301

TITLE: Requests for Financial Support

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council, respecting requests for financial support received by Delegations at the July Regular Council Meeting:

- a. Defers the requests to the 2025 Budget, which at such time they will be reviewed with any other donation requests. This would be consistent with Council's determination during the 2024 Budget process that the Municipality was not in a position to provide such cash contributions in 2024.

OR

- b. Approves the two requests, and such requests be funded from the unused 2022 Budget Surplus.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to receive direction from Council on the requests presented at the July 2024 Regular Council Meeting regarding financial contributions.

BACKGROUND:

At the May 15, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, Staff requested direction on Council's intentions with respect to 'In-Kind or Cash" donations throughout 2024. It was directed that due to budget constraints and other means of funding available for organizations (i.e. Municipal Accommodation Tax Committee), the Municipality will only support "in-kind" donations requests and no cash donations will occur this year.

At the July 17, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, the following delegations occurred:

1. Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre Foundation
2. Sioux Lookout Food Bank

The Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre Foundation is requesting \$25,000 each year for the next three (3) years to support the purchase of an MRI Unit.

The Sioux Lookout Food Bank is requesting \$3,684.88 to support the development of a new Food Bank in Sioux Lookout. They are specifically requesting the funds to be cash donation from the Municipal portion of the Sale of 5 & 7 Carlbom Drive. According to our current Land Development Reserve Fund By-law No. 76-14, the net sale of Municipal lands are to be placed within such reserve fund for the sole purpose of the following:

- Acquiring land, land improvements and other assets of a capital nature for the development and marketing of lands; and
- Paying any debt or liability in relation to the sold lands or property.

The Sioux Lookout Food Bank request could not be funded from the net sale of the lands, as has been requested.

DISCUSSION:

Staff are proposing two (2) Options for Council's consideration:

Option A

That Council directs staff to defer the donation requests to the 2025 Budget, which at such time they will be reviewed with other donation requests. This would be consistent with Council's determination during the 2024 Budget process that the Municipality was not in a position to provide financial contributions in 2024.

OR

Option B

That Council supports the two donation requests and that the donations be funded from the unused 2022 Surplus.

While Staff understands Council's direction with respect to cash donations in 2024, we also understand the importance of both the MRI campaign and the development of a new Food Bank in the community, and carefully considered how supporting these organizations in 2024 could be achieved - hence the two options.

RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

Regional Collaboration

- Work with other groups to promote municipal and regional interests

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

If Council chooses Option B, funds to support the requests will be funded through the 2022 Surplus.

Written By:
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