



Staff Report

Report To: Committee of the Whole
From: Magda Badura, CAO/Treasurer
Date: 2021-11-04
Subject: Council Grant Program and Waiver of Fees

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Committee of the Whole hereby receives the report from Magda Badura, CAO/Treasurer re: Council Grant Program and Waiver of Fees for information purposes.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council an update on the total amount of fees waived and Council Grants awarded in 2021 and to receive feedback on the program moving forward.

Background:

Council grant policy was adopted in 2019 and the waiver of rental fees was adopted in 2020 by Council. So far in 2021 West Elgin has waived a total of \$26,074.75 in rental fees for the West Elgin Community Complex, Miller Park Pavilion and Rodney Recreation Centre, as per the attached waiver of fees spreadsheet. In comparison the cost to operate the Recreation Centre annually over the past three years are as follows:

	2021*	2020	2019
Revenue	\$10,000.00	\$1,742.90	\$6,891.50
Operating Expenses	\$40,556.10	\$41,048.95	\$39,668.64

**Denotes year to date – revenue estimated*

In 2021 West Elgin Council awarded a total of \$56,000 in Council Grants (not including waiver of fees) to a number of groups, with \$10,200 to be awarded for events that were not able to take place due to COVID-19. So far approximately \$35,000 has been paid out, with some outstanding events still to take place (\$5,000 towards the two Christmas Events) and a few events cancelled due to COVID-19. Therefore, it is estimated that a total of \$40,000 will be paid out for Council Grants in 2021.

Currently the Council Grant Applications have not been opened for 2022 and no waiver of fees for 2022 have been awarded or brought forward until staff are provided with direction on to the amount to submit for the 2022 budget.