

## THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

**Report DCS 07-2025**

**Council Meeting Date: February 25, 2025**

**TO:** Mayor Cook and Members of Council  
**FROM:** Ashley Farr, Director of Community Services  
**RE:** Grand Bend Art Centre Fee Waiver Request

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Report DCS 07-2025 regarding the “Grand Bend Art Centre Fee Waiver Request” be approved; and

**THAT** the Grand Bend Art Centre be granted up to \$1,020.00 of fee waivers and in-kind services to operate community and youth programs at the Grand Bend Public School and other municipal properties, consistent with the Community Grant Policy; and

**THAT** the Grand Bend Art Centre be directed to apply for 2026 fee waivers through the Community Grant Program.

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### **SUMMARY**

This report presents a request from the Grand Bend Art Centre to waive up to \$1,020.00 in rental fees and in-kind support for community and youth programs planned in 2025.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Municipality has received a fee waiver request from the Grand Bend Art Centre to host art workshops for children in the Community Room at the Grand Bend Public School in March, April and May. The workshops are free to attend, and participants will be provided with materials at no cost.

The request requires Council approval because it exceeds the \$500 threshold that can be approved by staff. The request for the fee waiver is eligible under the terms of the Community Grant Program.

### **ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER**

The request is consistent with the Community Grant Policy; however, the request has been submitted past the grant deadline. Council may choose not to approve the request.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

The recommendation is to approve the request from the Grand Bend Art Centre to waive up to \$1,020.00 in rental fees for 2025 youth and community programs. Staff also recommend that the Art Centre be directed to apply through the established Community Grant Program for 2026 fee waiver requests.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The approval of this request could result in a loss of \$1,020.00 in revenue, however it is possible that the programs would not take place without the fee waivers.

### **CONSULTATION**

None.