

## THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

**Report CL 21-2021**

**Council Meeting Date: June 15, 2021**

**TO:** Mayor Weber and Members of Council

**FROM:** Stephanie Troyer-Boyd, Clerk

**RE:** Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club Community Grant Request

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Report CL 21-2021 regarding the “Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club Community Grant Request” be received; and

**THAT** the Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club be permitted to reallocate community grant funds from the 2020 granting period for a modified Canada Day celebration in 2021.

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### **SUMMARY**

This report presents Council with a request from the Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club to reallocate unspent funds from the 2020 Community Grant to purchase items for a Canada Day drive by event, including Canada Day themed items to be distributed to 250 families in the Port Franks and Thedford communities.

### **BACKGROUND**

In 2020, the Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club received \$2,000.00 through the Lambton Shores Community Grant Program to cover the cost of entertainment and inflatables for the 2020 Canada Day event. The event did not proceed in 2020 due to COVID-19, and the Club opted to carry forward funds to a 2021 event.

The Optimist Club is seeking a reallocation of funds from the 2020 grant to cover the cost of materials for Canada Day themed “goodie bags” that will be distributed to 250 families throughout Thedford and Port Franks. The Club is asking to reallocate the funds to proceed with a modified celebration that falls within the Public Health guidelines for 2021.

Any funds not being utilized for the 2021 event will be carried forward to support the 2022 event.

Council's Policy #066 Community Grant and Vibrancy Fund Policy states:

## 6. Accountability

*Funds granted are not transferable between projects or groups without prior Council approval, and must be used for the specific purposes outlined in the application. Misuse of funds may result in the applicant being disqualified from receiving a grant for a period of two years.*

The requests for fund reallocation stated above are eligible expenses under the Policy #066. Approval of the reallocation is recommended.

### **ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER**

There are no alternatives presented as the request is eligible under Lambton Shores Policy #066.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

The recommendation is to allow the Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club to reallocate funds received through the 2021 Community Grant Program for a modified 2021 Canada Day celebration event including the purchase of Canada themed goodie bags for distribution.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

### **CONSULTATION**

Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club