

THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

Report DCS 12-2022

Council Meeting Date: April 5, 2022

TO: Mayor Weber and Members of Council

FROM: Ashley Farr, Director of Community Services

RE: Grand Bend Art Centre Lease Renewal

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT DCS 12-2022 regarding the “Grand Bend Art Centre Lease Renewal” be received; and

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the associated agreement.

SUMMARY

This report provides information on the agreement with the Grand Bend Art Centre for the use of municipal property to operate an Art Centre in Grand Bend.

BACKGROUND

The Municipality owns the building located at 16 Municipal Drive in Grand Bend, which has been leased to the Grand Bend Art Centre for several years. The Art Centre operates numerous programs for all ages including camps and pottery classes and organizes the annual Paint Ontario event. The Centre has also created public art projects at the Grand Bend Beach.

In 2021, Council approved a one-year lease agreement with the Art Centre. The one-year lease is preferred over a longer term given Council’s direction to review the use of properties along the Municipal Drive area. The current lease with the Art Centre expires in April 2022.

The new lease is a renewal for a one-year period and is similar to the agreement from 2021 with the exception that the Art Centre will pay 100% of utility costs for the building in 2022, which is increased from the 70% of utility costs from 2021. This was arranged as part of a graduated payment system and was communicated to the Art Centre in 2021.

Staff have discussed the renewal of the agreement with the Art Centre representatives and both parties are agreeable to the terms. A copy of the agreement is included for Council information.

ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER

There are no alternatives presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Staff's recommendation is to approve a one-year lease agreement with the Grand Bend Art Centre for the property located at 16 Municipal Drive in Grand Bend.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The renewed agreement requires the Art Centre to cover 100% of utility costs at the building for 2022 and beyond. In 2021, utility costs for the Art Centre were approximately \$3,500.00, 70% of which were paid by the Art Centre per the 2021 agreement.

CONSULTATION

Grand Bend Art Centre

Attached:

1. Grand Bend Art Centre Agreement 2022