

At the December 12, 2016 Council meeting, City Council adopted the following recommendations of the Finance and Labour Relations Committee:

1. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$7,000 for Canada Day Celebrations for the parade and fireworks; and that a one-time grant of \$3,000 for enhanced programming due to Sesquicentennial celebrations be approved.
2. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$43,000 to Gallery Stratford for programs and operational support be approved.
3. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$500 for the Stratford Festival Guthrie Award scholarship benefiting a young Stratford resident studying theatre be approved.
4. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$1,000 for Kiwanis Festival of the Performing Arts to provide financial assistance for Stratford participants to attend the Ontario Music Festival Association's Provincial Competition be approved.
5. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$500 for Kiwanis Garlic Festival to offset costs of the event be approved.
6. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$500 for INNERchamber, to expand its community outreach to schools and seniors be approved.
7. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$700 for Music and Opera Appreciation to support the fees for two featured artists be approved.
8. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$2,000 for Off The Wall Stratford Artists Alliance to support its marketing initiative to attract more students be approved.
9. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$1,000 for Playmakers! Theatre School, to support the establishment of an annual lantern parade, be approved.
10. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$1,500 for Santa's Parade of Lights to cover bands, advertising, signage and audio visual be approved.
11. That a 2017 City in-kind grant in the amount of up to \$5,500 for SpringWorks Festival to cover rental costs of City facilities and City fees; and that \$4,000 be provided for programming for families in need be approved.
12. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$1,500 for Stratford Concert Band to aid basic operations, purchase music, advertise concerts and secure guest performers be approved.
13. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$20,000 to Stratford Summer Music to fund free music performances and events be approved.
14. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$6,500 for Stratford Symphony Orchestra to support programming and community outreach be approved.

15. That a 2017 grant request of \$50,000 by the Stratford Mosque, to provide capital funds for renovations, be denied.
16. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$10,000 for Conference Allocation under Council Policy A.1.11 – Civic Conventions and Receptions be approved.
17. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$700 to Civic Beautification & Environmental Awareness Committee to assist with insurance costs be approved.
18. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$9,000 to Stratford & District Horticultural Society for planting and maintenance of flower gardens throughout Stratford be approved.
19. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$9,500 to Family Services Perth-Huron to provide financial assistance to Stratford residents for counselling services be approved.
20. That a 2017 City in-kind grant in the amount of up to \$3,000 to the Kiwanis Club of Stratford, to offset rental charges for use of the Kiwanis Community Centre, be approved.
21. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$3,000 to the Local Community Food Centre to support the new Community Access Market; and that an additional \$1,000 if matching funds are secured from the Town of St. Marys and the County of Perth be approved.
22. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$13,975 to ONE CARE Home & Community Support Services, comprised of \$10,975 to support the transportation program and \$3,000 to support low income clients of ONE CARE be approved.
23. That a 2017 grant in the amount of up to \$5,000 to Optimism Place to subsidize public transit for its clients be approved; and that Optimism Place be requested to track usage of how many clients are served by this grant; and that the results be provided to the City.
24. That a 2017 City in-kind grant up to \$500 for Stratford City Centre BIA for the opening and use of City Hall restrooms during Canada Day Celebrations in Market Square be approved.
25. That a 2017 City in-kind grant up to \$1,000 for Stratford City Centre BIA for the opening and use of City Hall restrooms during the Outdoor Christmas Market event be approved.
26. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$10,000 to Stratford City Centre BIA for the purchase and installation of 34 Christmas Snowflake lights in the downtown core be approved; and that this grant be funded from reserves.
27. That a 2017 grant request of \$5,000 by the Stratford City Centre BIA for Christmas Market Vendor Cabins be denied.

28. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$250,000 to Stratford General Hospital for its 2017 pledge instalment be approved.
29. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the Stratford Perth Community Foundation to support the newly established Stratford Smart & Caring Community Fund be approved.
30. That an amount of \$25,000 be included in the 2017 grants budget for Residential Hospice in accordance with Council resolution # R2015-550 dated November 23, 2015.
31. That an amount of \$25,000 be included in the 2017 grants budget for the Stratford-Perth Humane Society loan forgiveness in accordance with Council resolution # R2015-081 dated February 23, 2015.
32. That a 2017 grant in the amount of \$350 for the Poppy Trust Fund, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #8, which assists veterans and their families with bursaries and medical equipment, be approved.
33. That a 2017 grant in the amount of \$28,000 to the United Way of Perth-Huron to support its ongoing programs; and that this grant be increased by \$1,000 per year until an annual funding level from the City of Stratford of \$1.00 per Stratford resident is achieved be approved.
34. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of up to \$2,500 to Stratford Dog Park Association to cover the cost of liability insurance be approved.
35. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$1,500 to Stratford Dog Park Association for the purchase and installation of 1 safety/security motion light at the Dog Park entrance be approved.
36. That a 2017 City in-kind grant in the amount of up to \$4,500 for Stratford Lawn Bowling Club to offset facility rental cost be approved.
37. That a 2017 City in-kind grant in the amount of up to \$6,500 to Stratford Lions Club to offset rental cost of Packham Road Complex be approved.
38. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$15,000 to Stratford Winterfest, to assist with costs of promotion, entertainment and facilities for the event be approved.
39. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$2,000 to Junior Achievement London & District for delivery of free programs to develop financial literacy and leadership skills in Stratford high school students be approved.
40. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$30,000 for the grants contingency budget to assist with funding for grant appeals and after-budget requests be approved.

41. That a 2017 grant request of \$11,200 by the Canadian Dairy XPO (CDX), to provide financial support to CheeseFEST, and in-kind support of police services, be denied.
42. That a 2017 grant request of \$5,000 by the Multicultural Association of Perth and Huron, to provide support to its Women's Program, be denied.
43. That a 2017 City grant in the amount of \$3,000 to Community Living Stratford to subsidize public transit and parallel transit fees for its clients be approved.
44. That the grant request from Mocha Shriners Stratford Club for facility rental for its 2019 Spring Ceremonial be referred to the 2018 grants process; and that the Mocha Shriners be advised to make application at the appropriate time when more details are known about the event.

That a new reserve account be set up in 2017 to carry forward remaining balances in G872 Community Grant accounts annually, for use in the grant program for future years.

That following the decision of Council regarding the 2017 Grant Requests, that any appeals from applicants be forwarded to the Finance and Labour Relations Sub-committee to hear the appeals and to make a recommendation for the Finance and Labour Relations Committee's consideration; and

That appeals should include any new or additional information not previously considered by the Community Grants Evaluation Committee.

That the Minor Sports Ice Subsidy totaling \$126,000 be removed from the 2017 budget to better align with the current practices;

And that this subsidy will be a part of the Community Services operating budget moving forward;

And that staff develop a reporting mechanism to bring forward the nature and amount of subsidies the City provides to its services.