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Date: June 19, 2019
To: Mayor and Council
Author: Peggy Van Mierlo-West, CAO
RE: Kingsville Historical Park Request
Report No.: CAO 10-2019

AIM

To provide Council with background information regarding a long term funding request from the Kingsville Historical Park Incorporated (KHPI).

BACKGROUND

Kingsville Historical Park Incorporated (KHPI) is dedicated to the preservation of the region's history and culture. Exhibitions include military artifacts from all Canadian conflicts and items of local significance. The Museum recognizes the service of veterans of all wars from the Windsor and Essex County region. KHPI provide an informal and family-friendly venue to discover Kingsville's armed forces past.

DISCUSSION

The Kingsville Historical Park Incorporated (KHPI) recently met with Administration to discuss the opportunity to enter into a long term (5 year) funding agreement between the Town of Kingsville and KHPI. The Town has previously provided KHPI with an annual operational grant through the municipal grant program.

The requested amount has changed over the years as originally the request included an amount to offset taxes. However, in 2019 with the assistance of Finance staff, this amount was waived by MPAC.

The KHPI Committee is a small group of volunteers who operate the museum 5 days a week. Currently the museum relies on various fund raising opportunities including bingo, memberships, and grants. To provide a 5 year funding agreement to this organization would allow for the committee to plan future events and leverage the partnership between the organization and the Town for future grants with larger organizations.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Improve recreational and cultural facilities and opportunities within the Town of Kingsville.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Over the past 5 years, Council has provided KHPI the following grant amounts:

Year	General / Staffing	Property Taxes
2019	\$10,000	N/A *
2018	\$10,000	\$3,989
2017	\$10,000	\$3,990
2016	\$3,334	\$4,149
2015	\$3,334	\$3,958

This request should not impact the annual budget as the current grant allocation is funded through taxation.

CONSULTATIONS

Kingsville Historical Park
Director of Finance

RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct Administration to draft a 5 year funding agreement in conjunction with the Kingsville Historical Park Incorporated in the amount of \$10,000 annually.

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