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To: Mayor and Council

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RE: Kingsville Historical Park Inc. – 5 year Funding Agreement

Report No.: FS-2020-14

AIM

For Council to approve a 5 year funding agreement with Kingsville Historical Park Inc.

BACKGROUND

Kingsville Historical Park Inc. (KHPI) operates a museum dedicated to the preservation of the region's military contributions. The Museum is located at 145 Division St South and is home to over 3,000 artifacts from the Fenian Raids, Boer War, World War 1, World War 2, Korea, Cold War, Peacekeeping Missions, Bosnia, Afghanistan and much more. It does not glorify the acts of the war, but instead aims to educate current and future generations on the sacrifices the men and women from this area have made to military conflicts throughout history.

The Kingsville Historical Park Museum is operated by a small group of volunteers, and is open to the public 5 days a week. Admission to the museum is by donation, so KHPI relies on various fund raising sources, such as bingos, memberships, and grants, to pay for day-to-day operating and exhibit expenses. For several years, the Town of Kingsville has provided KHPI with financial assistance through the Kingsville Community Grant process. In an effort to secure more consistent and reliable funding, KHPI approached the Town to enter a long term funding agreement.

In June of 2019, a report was provided to Council to seek their endorsement of a long-term funding agreement in principle, and the following motion was passed:

52-2019

Moved ByCouncillor Kimberly DeYong **Seconded By**Councillor Larry Patterson

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

DISCUSSION

Administration meet with members of the KPHI board in February to discuss the draft funding agreement and various amendments were proposed. The attached final draft was reviewed and approved by KPHI and Administration in June.

The key terms of the agreement are as follows:

- The Town agrees to provide KPHI with \$10,000 per year, from 2020 2024
- KPHI agrees to appear before Council annually to provide the Town with an update regarding the Museum's operation and activities.
- KPHI will not apply for additional funding through the Town's grant process during the term of the agreement, save and except for any grant opportunities offered by Federal or Provincial agencies which require additional municipal funding.
- The agreement is not intended to form a partnership between the Town and KPHI, and KPHI agrees to maintain adequate insurance and to indemnify the Town of any claims against the Museum
- If KPHI ceases to operate the Museum, the agreement becomes void.

The final draft of the agreement is attached for Council's reference.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The annual contribution is included in the approved 2020 Recreation Program budget.

CONSULTATIONS

Jennifer Astrologo, Director of Corporate Services Katherine Gunning, Treasurer / Secretary, KPHI

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the 5-year funding agreement with Kingsville Historical Park Inc.

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Director of Financial Services