

Report to Council

Report Title: Early Investment in Education and Skills 2023 Mid-Year Update

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Department: Administration

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Attachments: By- Law 2023-035
2023 EIES Program Parameters

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2023-09 – Early Investment in Education and Skills 2023 Mid-Year Update, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is working with communities to build capacity for participation in the Adaptive Phased Management project. This includes investments in training and education to equip community members, including youth, to work at the Centre of Expertise, and in site preparation, construction and operation activities. These investments are intended to include transferable skills that could be applied to other projects or workplaces as well.

The Early Investment in Education and Skills (EIES) program was developed to support education and skills training for Brockton residents as well as provide funding for youth with an emphasis on learning initiatives that focus on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Expenses in this EIES program may include: Traditional Knowledge-related education, work experience in a community-minded endeavor, local/regional job fairs to support students in understanding opportunities for post-secondary/trades, workshops for general skills development on topics such as computer literacy, business planning, proposal writing, bookkeeping, first aid training, project planning, conflict resolution skills, communication training, and grants for skills training programs.

Analysis:

In January of 2023, Council approved participating in the EIES Program as part of the Adaptive Phase Management Project with \$25,000 in 2023 funds and \$19,266.40 in 2022 underspent funds from NWMO.

Staff have done extensive outreach to schools and large and small employers in the community, and promoted the program through social media to all area residents and businesses. Uptake has been steady with many families taking advantage of the funding to support sending their children to summer camp, various businesses for employee training programs and schools requesting funding for robotics equipment. We will continue to promote, and outreach in 2023 to have the community continue to benefit from the funds available. The Community Development Coordinator has also assisted with regular updates and advice to local business on funds available for staff training.

As of June 2023, \$13,000 has been committed to residents, businesses and schools. Additionally, \$2,500 will be allocated to the Community Foundation Grey Bruce towards the Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Award that supports youth, should funds still be available at the end of the year.

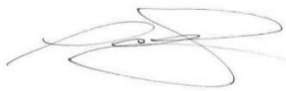
Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?		
• Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision		Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community		Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life		Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment		Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development		Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance		Yes

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes
- NWMO has provided \$44,266.40 in funding for the 2023, this included unused funds from 2022.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer