

Report to Council

Report Title: Donation Request for WDCS 80th Anniversary VE-Day Student Trip

Prepared By: Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Department: Finance

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Report Number: FIN2024-02

File Number: C11FIN

Attachments: Donation Request from WDCS

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2024-02 – Donation Request for WDCS 80th Anniversary of VE Day Student Trip, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer and in doing so approves a donation of \$_____ to Walkerton District Community School (WDCS) for the 80th Anniversary VE-Day Student Trip in 2025.

Report:

Background:

On December 9th, 2023 staff received a request from Mr. Troyer; the history teacher from Walkerton District Community School requesting financial support for the 80th Anniversary of V.E.-Day student trip. This trip will take students to the Netherlands commemorating the 80th anniversary of its liberation by Canadian forces during the Second World War. The trip is not planned to take place till 2025, however they are seeking financial support to allow students a cost-efficient opportunity to join this trip. The estimated cost per student is \$4,600 with the hope of having 18-24 students attend.

Analysis:

Each year the Municipal Budget includes funding of \$5,300 available for various donation requests. These funds have historically been used for non-profit organization requests, special sport events sponsorship, and recently local school requests for significant events.

According to the Municipality of Brockton's Donation Policy F19-1999-05, a review of the request has been completed. Although it is challenging to determine the direct benefit to Brockton specific citizens, staff have determined that factor three would be most applicable for this request. The following chart illustrates the eligible donation amount for the organization:

Organization	Factor	Eligible Donation
Walkerton District Community School – 80 th Anniversary of V.E.- Day Student Trip	3 – The requesting organization’s head office or chapter office is located in Brockton, and the funds will be used primarily to benefit the citizens of Brockton and adjoining municipalities.	\$450.00

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 N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance N/A

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

2024 Draft budget includes donation funds for various requests in the amount of \$5,300.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer