

Report to Council

Report Title: NWMO EIES Grant 2024 Year End

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Department: Administration

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2025-04 – NWMO EIES Grant 2024 Year End, prepared by Cally Mann, Municipal Executive Coordinator and Sonya Watson, Chief Administration Officer for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

Throughout recent years the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) was working with communities to build capacity for participation in the Adaptive Phased Management project. This included 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.

In 2023, staff were able to provide \$21,641.88 through the Early Investment in Education and Skills grant to local businesses, schools and families for a variety of programming and education.

Analysis:

In 2024, staff provided \$26,502.37 through the Early Investment in Education and Skills grant to local businesses, schools and families for a variety of programming and education. Funds were provided to several local businesses to enhance workplace training in areas of working at heights, lockout, food handling and to local residents to advance their skills in Early Childhood Education, Cattle Ultrasound Training, and Business courses. Many kids were able to attend summer camps and other youth enrichment courses with the financial assistance of the grant. A 2024 year-end report will be provided to the NWMO as per the agreement. Overall, we were able to support nearly \$63k in training and enhancements for Brockton residents and businesses between 36 approved applications.

Staff will also be providing the \$2,500 donation to the Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Fund, approved through Report CAO2023-02 for the 2024 year. Should funds be remaining at the end of 2025 an additional donation will be provided to the fund.

Staff will be launching the 2025 program immediately to exhaust the funds. With approximately \$23k remaining in the EIES budget they will be exhausted in 2025. Staff will continue to market the EIES funds in 2025 to support the residents and local businesses in Brockton through training and educational opportunities.

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

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Cally Mann, Municipal Executive Coordinator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sonya W.' with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer