

Report to Council

Report Title:	Grey Bruce Sound and Lighting Committee Equipment		
Prepared By:	Fiona Hamilton, Clerk		
Department:	Clerk's		
Date:	April 9, 2019		
Report Number:	CLK2019-11	File Number:	C11CL
Attachments:	Letter from Grey Bruce Sound and Lighting Committee Quote from Taylor Electronic Services Inc. Quote from Concord Production Services		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2019-11 Grey Bruce Sound and Lighting Committee Equipment, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Clerk for information purposes and provides further direction to staff.

Report:

Background:

The Grey Bruce Sound and Lighting Committee was a former Committee of Council that would deal with the rental and operation of a sound and lighting system that was purchased through a partnership with the Saugeen Economic Development Corporation and the Singer Christmas Tree that received a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The Municipality of Brockton applied for the Ontario Trillium Foundation grant in the amount of \$57,400.00 which flowed through the Saugeen Economic Development Corporation, as Brockton was the only legal entity that could own property. The original amount received by Brockton from the Saugeen Economic Development Corporation was \$57,400.00.

A Report to Council from Dan Wilken, the Director of Recreation and Facilities at the time has been attached to this report. The Grey Bruce Sound and Lighting Committee was originally intended for a three (3) year period. It has continued to exist largely in part due to the dedication and commitment of a very small number of volunteers.

Unfortunately, with change in staffing, the equipment has not been frequently used and has significantly depreciated in value. The equipment is predominately used by the Singer Christmas Tree which is a seasonal performance at Knox Presbyterian Church in Walkerton.

At this time, the equipment has been removed and is being stored at Knox Presbyterian Church. Staff have requested that the equipment be returned to the Greenock Works Shop to ensure proper insurance coverage for the asset. At this time, its system is becoming out of date and Brockton staff would need to receive additional training to learn how to properly use the equipment.

Analysis:

The Grey Bruce Sound and Lighting Committee have written a letter to Council asking that the equipment be donated to Knox Presbyterian Church where it is currently being stored that has been attached to this report. Staff asked the Grey Bruce Sound and Lighting Committee to provide two quotes setting out the value of the equipment such that Council could make an informed decision with respect to the donation request.

Both valuations suggest the value of the equipment at this time is approximately \$12,000.00 to \$13,000.00, which would make the donation request significantly larger than usual.

Although the equipment is not particularly well used at this time, staff could receive additional training such that the equipment could be promoted more on social media and in the recreation guides. In addition, the equipment could potentially open up additional avenues for programming, such as:

- Dance party on ice with low light, glow sticks, light show and music (which is very popular in arenas but is usually very expensive to book companies for the service);
- The equipment could be offered as an add-on to the rental contract for weddings or receptions in Cargill or Elmwood; and
- Youth or teen dances may be more popular with the right equipment.

In the alternative, the equipment could be disposed of in accordance with the surplus asset policy.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? | Yes |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

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

Staff recommend that the use of the existing equipment be reviewed, or the equipment be disposed of in accordance with the surplus asset policy.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Fiona Hamilton, Clerk

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer