

Report to Council

Report Title:	Land Transfer to WES for Youth		
Prepared By:	Fiona Hamilton, Clerk		
Department:	Clerk		
Date:	May 14, 2019		
Report Number:	CLK2019-10	File Number:	C11CL, L04WE
Attachments:	Lease Agreement Option to Purchase Notice		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number CLK2019-10 – Land Transfer to Wellness and Emotional Support (WES) for Youth Online, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Clerk and in doing so approves a By-Law coming forward authorizing the transfer of property known municipally as 4 Park Street, Walkerton.

Report:

Background:

Wellness and Emotional Support (WES) for Youth Online (“WES for Youth”) is an online platform providing professional counselling services to youth that was formed in 2012 by Jamie and Yolanda Cameron. The organization offers free online counselling for youth ages 13-24 through a confidential platforms. Since launching in 2012, WES for Youth has assisted over 1,200 individuals, including many in Brockton. WES for Youth has completed multiple successful projects in the community of Brockton to raise awareness for mental health, and benefit youth in our community.

Analysis:

The Municipality of Brockton and WES for Youth entered into a Lease Agreement for the property municipally known as 4 Park Street in Walkerton (the “Property”). WES for Youth have paid for all costs and maintenance of the Property since that time, and have made several renovations using their own finances to improve the Property.

The Lease Agreement included an Option to Purchase the Property for \$75,000.00. WES for Youth provided notice of its intention to exercise this option to purchase on May 3, 2019.

Staff are recommending that the proposed transfer of the Property proceed prior to the end of May as requested by WES for Youth to support a local organization that provided a tremendous benefit to the residents of Brockton and to comply with the terms of the Lease Agreement.

Sustainability Checklist:

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

- 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? No
- 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

The purchase price of the transfer of the Property was included in the 2019 Municipal Budget.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Fiona Hamilton, Clerk

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer