

Report to Council

Report Title: Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. 2020 Donation Request

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Department: Finance

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Attachments: Donation Request from Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc.
Motion from Brockton Police Services Board
Municipality of Brockton Donation Policy

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2020-23 – Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. 2020 Donation Request, prepared by Trish Serratore Chief Financial Officer and Sarah Johnson, Jr. Deputy Clerk and in doing so provides the following direction to staff regarding the donation request _____

Report:

Background:

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. (“Crime Stoppers”) have requested donations from Council over the past several years.

In 2017, Crime Stoppers presented to Council as a delegation outlining their operations and benefits to the community. That December, the Municipality of Brockton donated \$500.00 to the Crime Stoppers, although they were only entitled to \$150.00 as per our donation policy, Council felt it was important to contribute more for the service they provide.

In 2018 the Municipality donated \$500.00 to the Crime Stoppers, although they were only entitled to \$150.00 as per our donation policy, and Council felt it was important to contribute more for the service they provide.

In July 2019, Crime Stoppers presented to Council as a delegation requesting a donation of \$2,500.00 per year from every Municipality within the Grey-Bruce area. Staff were directed to reach out to the neighbouring municipalities in Bruce County to analyze the overall support. Staff brought forward Report Number 2019-25 outlining neighbouring municipal contributions. No other Bruce County municipalities provided financial support to Crime Stoppers.

According to the Municipality's Donation Policy, Crime Stoppers continue to only be eligible for a \$150.00 donation. Their organization is located outside of both Brockton and Bruce County, although some of the funds would be used to benefit the citizens of Brockton; therefore their request would be given a Factor One rating.

In July 2019, staff recommended that if Council wishes to support Crime Stoppers outside the policy requirements, that it be included and discussed during the 2020 budget deliberation.

Analysis:

In May 2019, Crime Stoppers presented as a delegation to the Brockton Police Services Board ("Brockton PSB") requesting a donation of \$2,500 per year from every municipalities in Grey and Bruce Counties. The Brockton PSB were in favour of supporting the donation request and Councillors on the Board agreed to bring the item forward at the June 18, 2019 Council Meeting. As previously mentioned, Council approved a donation of \$500.00 to Crime Stoppers on July 9, 2019.

Crime Stoppers distributed the attached letter to the Brockton PSB on May 28, 2020, requesting a donation of \$2,000 per year for the next two (2) years from every Police Services Board in Grey and Bruce Counties. The Brockton PSB discussed the donation request at their June 18, 2020 Board Meeting which was held electronically on Zoom Video Conferencing.

The Brockton PSB passed the following resolution on June 18, 2020 Meeting:

Moved by: Steve Adams Seconded by: Tim Elphick

That the Brockton Police Services Board hereby support the donation request made by Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. and further support bringing forward the donation request to the Council of the Municipality of Brockton for consideration at the June 23, 2020 Council Meeting regarding a donation to Crime Stoppers for the 2020 calendar year.

Carried.

The Brockton PSB do not have an account that would be eligible to donate funds to Crime Stoppers. Despite the Brockton PSB's willingness to donate to Crime Stoppers, the donation must be completed by the Municipality.

Staff are seeking direction from Council on how the wish to proceed with this request.

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? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? | N/A |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

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

As mentioned, the Brockton PSB do not have an account to donate funds to Crime Stoppers. The donation must be given by the Municipality of Brockton and not the Brockton PSB.

\$500 continues to be allocated within the \$3,800 General Government Grants and Donations Budget for the Crime Stoppers donation as per previous donation requests to the organization.

On May 26, 2020 Council decided to save the \$600 contribution towards Canada Day which was budgeted within the Grants and Donations account. These funds could be used for this request if Council wished to do so.

Council can spend up to \$2,000 for miscellaneous donations outside of the reoccurring annual donations; however \$450 of those funds have already been allocated towards a donation to OFSAA. Council can use remaining funds from this account for this donation request if they wish to do so.

Respectfully Submitted by:



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Reviewed By:



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