

June 15, 2020

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Aaron Bisson, Manager of Recreation and Culture

**RE: CMOG Application**

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For the past several years the Fort Frances Museum has been the beneficiary of the annual Grants Ontario program, Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG) in the amount of \$21,519.00, that is determined by financial data from the previous year operations. Similarly, the application for 2020 is based upon financial information from 2019 and goals & requirements for 2020. As such, the Museum will apply for the maximum benefit allowable based upon the following metrics:

- operating hours, operating days, days per month for at least 8 months – 20 days/month minimum, number of full time paid positions supported, number of volunteers, volunteer hours, paying & non-paying visitors, school groups, student attendees, memberships (individual & family), website visits, and social media followers. Much of this information will be required to be provided at a later date as very little information is being requested in this initial grant proposal to simplify the application and allow for an expedited processing of grant funds.

Please find the annual Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG) attached from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport for our 2020 annual operating grant.

**Recommendation**

The Community Services Executive Committee recommends to Mayor and Council to authorize the submission of the 2020 Community Museum Operating Grant to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport by Museum Curator, Bev Cochrane and also to authorize appropriate execution of the grant application on behalf of the Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Aaron Bisson*

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Manager of Recreation and Culture

<p><b>Council approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Community Services Executive Committee to submit the CMOG application as outlined in this report.</b></p>
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