



## REPORT

**TO:** Mayor Avis and Council

**FROM:** Jason Kabel, Manager of Community Services

**DATE:** June 27, 2015

**RE:** Seniors Community Grant Program Approval

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### Background

Early in 2015, the Sister Kennedy Centre board struck an ad-hoc grant committee to investigate opportunities for our centre and community to benefit from a grant program being offered. The committee has an initiative that they suggested to bring forward for consideration, the Fort Frances Community Resource & Educational Awareness Project for Seniors. The project has a two-fold focus:

1. Directory of Community Services for Seniors – this would be a comprehensive repository of information for anything and everything related to seniors in the district (e.g. activities, transportation, healthcare, etc.)
2. Seniors Fair – September 18, 2015 – this would be an occasion for seniors in the community to gather for the unveiling of the directory, guest speakers, and social opportunity at no charge.

In March of this year, the Community Services Executive made a recommendation to Mayor and Council to endorse the grant submission to the Ontario Seniors Secretariat (OSS) in the amount of \$9,466 (\$7,566 Funding, \$1900 In-kind) as outlined below.

### Grant Application Budget

\$7,566	- Pamphlet printing, research, guest speakers, van rentals, lunch, advertising, other misc.
\$1,900	- In-kind contributions from Sister Kennedy Centre (venue use, photocopying, other misc.)
\$0	- Required Municipal Financial Contribution

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\$9,466	<b>TOTAL</b> (Grant Maximum - \$8,000, Project Maximum - \$10,000)
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### Grant Approval

The committee has received notification that the grant was approved by the Ontario Seniors Secretariat in the full amount of \$7,566 as a maximum. The committee chair and applicant, Irene Laing received the grant agreement by email on Thursday, June 25 and

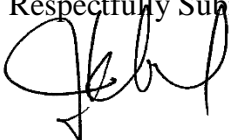
was given direction to have the documents signed and returned by Friday, June 26. With the extremely stringent deadline, the document was signed by Irene Laing and Mayor Avis, as directed by the OSS. As previously reported to the executive in March, there is no financial commitment by the Town involved with the grant.

**Recommendation**

The Community Services Executive Committee recommends to Mayor and Council to sanction:

- 1) the attached grant agreement with the Ontario Senior Secretariat for the Community Resource & Educational Awareness Project for Seniors in the amount of \$7,566
- 2) the required signing by Mayor & Clerk to be resubmitted to the OSS with Town signatories
- 3) forthcoming bylaw

Respectfully Submitted,



Jason Kabel

**Council approval of this report will sanction:**

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