



REPORT

TO: Mayor Avis and Council

FROM: Jason Kabel, Manager of Community Services

DATE: March 12, 2015

RE: Seniors Community Grant Program

Preamble

In January 2015, the Ontario Seniors Secretariat (OSS) began accepting applications for the Seniors Community Grant Program to help more seniors stay safe, active, and engaged in their communities. Funding for the grant has doubled in size to \$1 million to give seniors more opportunities to participate in their communities. Last year's grants went toward projects such as, helping seniors learn new skills like cooking or using tablets, and encouraging physical activity like dance, lawn bowling and tai chi. Ontario is also marking the two-year anniversary of its Action Plan for Seniors, which is helping more seniors access quality services and live safer and more inclusive lives.

Recently, the Sister Kennedy Centre board struck an ad-hoc grant committee to investigate opportunities for our centre and community to benefit from the grant program being offered. The committee has an initiative that they would like 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.

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

\$9,466	TOTAL (Grant Maximum - \$8,000, Project Maximum - \$10,000)
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Recommendation

The Community Services Executive Committee recommends to Mayor and Council to endorse the grant submission to the Ontario Seniors Secretariat by the Sister Kennedy Centre in the amount of \$9,466 for the March 27, 2015 intake deadline.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JK', is written over the printed name 'Jason Kabel'.

Jason Kabel

<p>Council approval of this report will endorse the grant submission to the Ontario Seniors Secretariat by the Sister Kennedy Centre in the amount of \$9,466 for the March 27, 2015 intake deadline.</p>
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