

Municipality Of Chatham-Kent

Chief Administrative Office

Corporate Initiatives

Information Report

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Amy Wilcox, CPA, CMA, PMP

Date: October 4, 2018

Subject: Chatham-Kent Concert Bands

Background

On Monday, October 1, 2018, Councilor Carmen McGregor made a notice of motion requesting a report to be presented to Council prior to the budget process that provides details regarding all concert bands within Chatham-Kent.

MOTION - Whereas, the vision of Chatham-Kent is to be a welcoming, healthy, prosperous community that is culturally rich and naturally innovative. Whereas, our goal is that Chatham-Kent is recognized as the best place to live in Ontario and a destination of choice to experience arts and culture. Whereas, there are a great number of volunteers in each community of Chatham-Kent that make our vision a possibility. Whereas, the Chatham Concert Band has received \$16,000 to provide financing for the current 2018 concert season. Whereas, then Chatham Concert Band will also be considered for continual financing during the 2019 budget process. I hereby ask that Administration provide a report to council before the start of the next budget process that includes details of all the Concert Bands within Chatham-Kent. The report should include financial details where publicly available, the size of the band, whether-or-not they have sought grant or other funding from the municipality and whether-or-not they were successful. I would also ask that all the Concert Bands within Chatham-Kent be considered fairly during the next budgeted process.

Comments

Requesting information from council and the public, it was determined that there are (two) concert bands in Chatham-Kent: the Chatham Concert Band and the Wallaceburg Concert Band. Details regarding the bands can be found in Appendix A.

Ward	Number of Concert Bands	Name of Concert Bands
Ward 1	None	N/A
Ward 2	None	N/A
Ward 3	None	N/A
Ward 4	None	N/A
Ward 5	1	Wallaceburg Concert Band
Ward 6	1	Chatham Concert Band

Consultation

Consulted with council members on the concert bands located within their wards and connected with the concert bands in Chatham and Wallaceburg.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications as this is an information report only.

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Appendix: Concert Band Information

APPENDIX: Concert Band Information

	Chatham Concert Band	Wallaceburg Concert Band
Year Established	1927	2016
Number of Members	41	112
Members throughout CK (yes/no)	Yes	Yes
List communities	Not provided	Chatham, Glencoe, Port Lambton, Tupperville, Wallaceburg (anyone is welcome to join)
Free concerts provided? (yes/no)	Yes	Yes
If yes above, answer next two questions:		
Number of concerts per year	19	Currently 5. As they continue to develop their repertoire, they will slowly branch out to other areas
Number to attend per year	7,400	Approx. 1,800
Received financial support from Municipality? (yes/no)	Yes	No. Applied but denied.
If yes above, answer next two questions:		
Number of years of support	91 (some form of funding since 1927)	---
Approx. total of financial support	1927 – 1950 \$1,800 per year (\$41,400) 1950 (Amount tied to mill rate but discontinued because it became more than the band needed) 1995 \$22,000 per year (\$66,000) 1998-2013 \$22,000 (\$352,000) 2014-2017 \$16,970 (\$67,880) 2018 \$16,970 Total of known amounts = \$544,250	---

Paid Members (yes/no)	Yes	No
If yes above, answer next two questions:		
What positions?	Band Master \$10,000 per year Music Librarian \$1,200 per year Feeder program (junior band) leader \$2,600 per year	---
Total expense per year?	\$27,591.00	---
Paid to improve municipal facilities (yes/no)	Yes	No. There are no municipal facilities associated with the WCB.
If yes above, answer next two questions:		
What facilities?	Tecumseh Park Band Shell	---
Approx. Amount paid?	Replaced HVAC system about 10 years ago Cleaning Service - \$1,500 annually Telephone (required by municipality for emergencies) \$460 annually Natural gas for HVAC system \$1,200 annually Liability Insurance (required by municipality) \$2,829 annually	---
Do they perform outside of CK?	Yes	Not as of yet. They are willing, and as they increase their repertoire, they will be able to fulfill requests to play other venues outside of CK.
If yes above, answer next two questions:		
Where?	Leamington, London, Port Lambton, Windsor	---
Frequency?	1 -2 times per year	---

Do they train youth (yes/no)	Yes – since 1964	Yes
If yes above, answer question below:		
How many?	Currently 44 students.	They train approximately 20 youth, and they train many young-at-heart adults that are also new music learners. They also train youth and adults with disabilities and impairments.

