

Municipality Of Chatham-Kent

Finance, Budget, Information Technology & Transformation

Administration

To: Mayor and Members of Council

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Date: July 26, 2020

Subject: Romney Wind Farm Community Agreement

Recommendation

1. 2020 funds received under the Romney Wind Farm Community Agreement be transferred to the Reserve for Strategic Development, and future annual funding be referred to the 2021 budget process.

Background

Chatham-Kent entered into a Project Support Community Agreement with Romney Energy Centre Limited Partnership in 2015. Under the terms of the agreement there are one-time and 20-year annual commitments of funding to Chatham-Kent that have been triggered to begin in 2020 as the turbine came online.

Comments

Chatham-Kent has received the initial one-time community support funding of \$1,692,000 and has invoiced for the first of twenty annual instalments of \$141,000 as outlined in the agreement. It is recommended that the 2020 funds be transferred to the Reserve for Strategic Development for future use of Council.

Areas of Strategic Focus and Critical Success Factors

The recommendation in this report supports the following areas of strategic focus:

Economic Prosperity:

Chatham-Kent is an innovative and thriving community with a diversified economy

A Healthy and Safe Community:

Chatham-Kent is a healthy and safe community with sustainable population growth

People and Culture:

Chatham-Kent is recognized as a culturally vibrant, dynamic, and creative community

Environmental Sustainability:

Chatham-Kent is a community that is environmentally sustainable and promotes stewardship of our natural resources

The recommendation in this report supports the following critical success factors:

Financial Sustainability:

The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is financially sustainable

Open, Transparent and Effective Governance:

The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is open, transparent and effectively governed with efficient and bold, visionary leadership

Has the potential to support all areas of strategic focus & critical success factors

Neutral issues (does not support negatively or positively)

Consultation

There was no consultation with this report.

Financial Implications

The recommendation will transfer \$1,833,000 to the Reserve for Strategic Development. The reserve balance had approached \$0 over the last couple years as approved by Council. It is anticipated that \$141,000 will be received for an additional 19 years and will be referred to the 2021 Budget process.

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