

City of Kingston Report to Council Report Number 24-193

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Lanie Hurdle, Chief Administrative Officer

Resource Staff: None

Date of Meeting: July 9, 2024

Subject: Kinsmen Dream Home Contribution for 2025

Council Strategic Plan Alignment:

Theme: Corporate business

Goal: See above

Executive Summary:

Since their inception in 1932, the Kinsmen Club of Kingston has been a small group of dedicated volunteers who strive to serve our "Community's Greatest Need". The annual Kinsmen Dream Home Lotto has helped serve those needs for 33 years, by directing 100% of the funds raised for the lotto ticket sales towards other local charitable organizations. In 2023, the Kinsmen Club of Kingston allocated over \$692,000 to 16 local charities.

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paid for the project, being \$37,991.90. Through this contribution, the Kinsmen Club of Kingston can reallocate the development charges paid to an eligible local charity.

Staff are recommending to Council that a contribution equivalent to the amount of the development charges for the project be issued to the Kinsmen Club of Kingston from the Working Fund Reserve.

Recommendation:

That Council direct staff to make a contribution of \$37,991.90, equivalent to the amount of development charges paid for the project, from the Working Fund Reserve to the Kinsmen Club of Kingston for the 2025 Kinsmen Dream Home project, for the purposes of the Kinsmen Club of Kingston reallocating these funds to an eligible local charity; and

That Council direct staff to report back with information on donations once the Kinsmen Club of Kingston has allocated funding to community organizations.

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Authorizing Signatures:

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lanie Hurdle, Chief Administrative Officer

Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:

Paige Agnew, Commissioner, Growth & Development Services

Jennifer Campbell, Commissioner, Community Services

Neil Carbone, Commissioner, Corporate Services

Not required

David Fell, President & CEO, Utilities Kingston Not required

Peter Huigenbos, Commissioner, Major Projects & Strategic Initiatives Not required

Brad Joyce, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Transportation Not required

& Emergency Services

Desirée Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer

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Options/Discussion:

Kin Canada is an all-Canadian service organization made up of dedicated member volunteers who serve their community's greatest need through hosting and sponsoring events and community service projects. Since its founding, Kin, Kinsmen and Kinette clubs across Canada have contributed more than \$1 billion to Canadian communities and disaster relief programs beyond our borders.

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- Almost Home
- BGC South East
- Camp Maple Leaf
- Cancer Society
- CNIB
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Girls Inc.
- Interval House
- Lionhearts
- Loving Spoonful
- Martha's Table
- Partners in Mission
- SAC Kingston
- St. Vincent de Paul
- YMCA
- Youth Diversion

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Staff also intend to continue to work with the Kinsmen Club of Kingston to identify other ways to partner and better support community associations and agencies in future years.

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Financial Considerations

The contribution to be issued to the Kinsmen Club of Kingston is \$37,991.90 to be funded from the Working Fund Reserve.

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Other City of Kingston Staff Consulted:

Lisa Capener-Hunt, Director, Building Services and Chief Building Official

Ryan Arcand, Deputy Chief Building Official, Supervisor, Building Services

Lana Foulds, Director, Financial Services

Exhibits Attached:

None