



Subject: Tillsonburg District Craft Guild Draft 2025-2027 Memorandum of Understanding

Report Number: RCP 24-054

Department: Recreation, Culture and Parks Department

Submitted by: Andrea Greenway, Director of Recreation, Culture and Parks

Meeting Type: Council Meeting

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 14, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

THAT report RCP 24-054 titled Tillsonburg District Craft Guild Draft 2025-2027 Memorandum of Understanding be received as information.

BACKGROUND

Tillsonburg District Craft Guild (TDCG), operating as the Station Arts Centre is a charitable organization that has provided Tillsonburg residents and visitors with exposure to local and regional artisans and art, as well as many other cultural experiences. There has been a MOU between the Town and the TDCG since at least 2011 through which the Town has granted the TDCG an annual amount for providing arts, culture and tourism information services at their location.

The 2022 Memorandum of Understanding authorized under By-law 4162 will expire at the end of 2024.

At the February 13, 2023 meeting, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution # 2023-063

Moved By: Councillor Spencer

Seconded By: Councillor Rosehart

THAT Report RCP 23-05 Station Arts Centre 2022 to 2024 Memorandum of Understanding be received as information; and

THAT Council approves the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) attached to this report; and

THAT the Town calculated Consumer Price Index (CPI) be used for the grant contribution in 2023 and 2024; and

THAT the Mayor and Director of Corporate Services/Clerk be authorized to execute the Station Arts Centre 2022 to 2024 Memorandum of Understanding Agreement attached hereto as Appendix A.

Carried

DISCUSSION

Staff recommend that the renewal of the agreement be executed for the 2025 – 2027 period; and that the Town calculated CPI be applied in calculating the 2025 grant.

The 2024 Station Arts grant was \$47,105.00. With Council’s approval of 3.08% increase for the 2025 the grant will amount to \$48,556.00.

Staff recommend that the 2026 and 2027 Town calculated CPI be used for the grant increases as well.

The draft terms of the agreement are outlined in the attached document; should the Council chose to adjust the amounts, the MOU will be updated and executed to reflect the Council’s decision.

CONSULTATION

Director of Recreation, Culture & Parks, Executive Director of the Tillsonburg Station Arts Centre and Board Chair for the Tillsonburg Station Arts Centre.

FINANCIAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

The grant amount \$48,556.00 will be included in the 2025 Operating Budget

CORPORATE GOALS

- Lifestyle and amenities
- Customer service, communication and engagement
- Business attraction, retention and expansion
- Community growth
- Connectivity and transportation
- Not Applicable

Does this report relate to a specific strategic direction or project identified in the Community Strategic Plan? Please indicate section number and/or any priority projects identified in the plan.

Goal – Within the community, Tillsonburg will strive to offer all residents the amenities,

services and attractions they require to enjoy balanced lifestyles.

Strategic Direction – Increase opportunities to enjoy culture, events and leisure activities in Tillsonburg; Expand community partnerships in the delivery of programs and amenities.

Priority Project – N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A – Station Arts Centre 2025-2027 Memorandum of Understanding