Township of Southgate

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Staff Report CAO2020-074

Title of Report: Holstein Cemetery Board Grant Request Use of Excess Funding Report

Department: Administration

Council Date: November 3, 2021

Council Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report CAO2021-074 as information; and

That Council approve the request from the Holstein Cemetery Board to use the surplus committed Solar funds from the fencing project to support further planning and development costs to expand the site as the only Green Cemetery in Southgate.

Background:

The Holstein Cemetery Board member Brian Stevenson delegated to Southgate Council on November 4th, 2020 seeking funding from the Township to support a fencing project around the Holstein Cemetery. The request was to seek funds from the Southgate Solar Fund for the project. As a result of the delegation Council approved the following resolutions:

At the December 2, 2020 Council meeting staff report CAO2020-079 was presented about the Holstein Cemetery Board grant request for funding support for their fencing project. As a result Council approved the following resolution.

Moved By Councillor Sherson; Seconded By Councillor Rice

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report CAO2020-079 as information; and **That** Council approve the draft Holstein Cemetery Agreement between the Holstein Cemetery Board and the Township of Southgate to support the delivery of this service in the west end of the municipality. Carried No. 2020-577

At the December 16, 2020 Council meeting staff report CAO2020-083 was presented as information and the following resolution was presented:

Moved By Councillor Dobreen; Seconded By Councillor Sherson;

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report CAO2020-083 as information; and **That** Council approve the Holstein Cemetery Agreement between the Holstein Cemetery Board and the Township of Southgate to support the delivery of this service in the west end of the municipality; and

That Council consider approving the Holstein Cemetery Agreement by Municipal By-law 2020-145; and

That Council approve the Holstein Cemetery Board funding request to support 100 percent of the fencing project and that it be allocated from the Southgate Solar fund. Carried No. 2020-619

Staff Comments:

Staff received the attached request for using the excess funding support (Attachment #1) from the Holstein Cemetery fencing project for use to support their new Green Cemetery project. Cemetery Fence Project came in under budget once completed by the contractor.

Staff recommend support of the Holstein Cemetery Board request to expand the cemetery services they provide, especially when this will be the only place in Southgate providing a Green burial option. The money requested was already committed in 2020 and the fencing costs paid from the Southgate Solar Fund.

Financial Impact or Long-Term Implications

There is no financial impact to the municipality as a result of this report in the 2021 budget as the funding was committed from the Southgate Solar Fund in 2020.

Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:

This report has been written and presented to Council to communicate accurate information to the public.

Concluding Comments

- 1. That Council receive staff report CAO2021-074 as information.
- 2. That Council approve the Holstein Cemetery Board use the excess funds of \$5,186.20 from the fencing project that actually costed \$22,091.50 with HST. The originally quoted price for the project was \$27,277.70 with HST that was first estimated with a budget cost of \$30,000.00, funded from the Southgate Solar Fund.

Respectfully Submitted,

CAO approval: <u>Original Signed By</u>

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> Attachment 1 –-Holstein Cemetery Board email request - October 19, 2021