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## **Staff Report EDO2022-017**

**Title of Report:** EDO2022-017-South Grey Chamber of Commerce MOU  
**Department:** Economic Development  
**Council Date:** December 21, 2022

### **Recommendation:**

**Be it resolved that** Council receive Staff Report EDO2022-017 for information; and

**That** Council direct staff to draft a Letter of Support for the Geographic area of the Township of Southgate to be amalgamated with the South Grey Chamber of Commerce to be signed by the Mayor; and

**That** Council direct staff to draft a Memorandum of Understanding between the Township of Southgate and the South Grey Chamber of Commerce and seek Council approval; and

**That** Council approve the 2023 MOU funding in the amount of \$10,000 being divided between the Solar Fund Reserve in the amount of \$5,000 and the Eco Park Fund Reserve in the amount of \$5,000.

### **Background:**

On December 14, 2022, council received the delegation from the South Grey Chamber of Commerce for information and directed staff to bring a report to council with funding options.

No. 2022-802

**Moved by Councillor Ferguson**

**Seconded by Councillor Rice;**

**Be it resolved that** Council receive the South Grey Chamber of Commerce Delegation presented by Karen Cox for information; and

**That** Council direct staff to return to Council with a recommendation on the Memorandum of Understanding and an option of how it could be funded.

**Carried**

### **Staff Comments:**

Staff recommends that we sign a letter of support for the South Grey Chamber of Commerce to expand into the Township of Southgate and that The Township of Southgate enter into an MOU for 2023 with the new South Grey Chamber of Commerce with a support amount of \$10,000 funded \$5000 from the Solar Fund Reserve and \$5,000 from the Eco Park reserve.

**Financial Implications:**

The Solar Fund reserve and the Eco Park Fund reserve account would each be decreased by \$5,000.

**Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:**

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

**Community Action Plan Impact:**

**Goal 1:** Attracting New and Supporting Existing Businesses and Farms

**Action 1:**

The residents and businesses of Southgate envision a growing and diverse local economy, which respects our agricultural background while also attracting new businesses and new employment opportunities in keeping with the renewed growth of our population.

**Goal 6:** Citizen Engagement

**Action 6:**

The residents and businesses of Southgate expect their local government to be transparent and approachable, to provide clear and timely information, and to explain and seek their input on issues and decisions facing the community.

**Concluding Comments:**

1. That Council receive staff report EDO2022-017 as information.
2. The Township provide a draft letter of support for the South Grey Chamber of Commerce to be signed by the Mayor.
3. Create a Memorandum of Understanding between the Township of Southgate and the South Grey Chamber of Commerce and seek Council approval.
4. Council approve the 2023 MOU funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the Township of Southgate to the South Grey Chamber of Commerce.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Dept. Head:** *Original Signed By*

Terri Murphy,  
Economic Development Officer

**CAO Approval:** *Original Signed By*

Dave Milliner, CAO