



Report Presented To:	Township of Southgate Council Meeting
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Title:	Community Funds
Open/Closed Session:	Open Session
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Executive Summary:

This report provides information regarding two Community Funds that are active within the Township of Southgate; the Community Enhancement – Dundalk fund and the Southgate Community Vibrancy Fund (Solar).

Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Staff Report FIN2025-007 be received for information.

Background:

Community Enhancement – Dundalk Fund

The agreement with Lystek International was enacted in 2011, which stated that the company would pay the Township of Southgate royalties on a quarterly basis, based on per tonne. The amount received by the Township varies due to this condition.

Southgate Community Vibrancy Fund (Solar Fund)

This fund was established in 2014 between the Township and Southgate Solar LP. The agreement states that Southgate Solar will make payments to the Township in the amount of \$75,000 annually. These funds will be put into a reserve fund that the Township administers and “the funds are intended to ensure a net financial benefit to the Municipality”. The categories of expenditure in the agreement are as follows:

- Energy Sustainability (ie municipal renewable energy systems, vehicle fleet upgrades, building energy-efficiency upgrades)

- Recreational facilities
- Community and protective services (ie police, fire EMS, healthcare)
- Roads and urban infrastructure
- Education and job training
- Community relations and social events for local residents
- Property tax relief for residents and businesses in the community

Analysis

Community Enhancement – Dundalk Fund

Current Balance: \$245,071.06

Current draft budget expenditures for 2025:

- Grants & Donations: \$12,500 (includes Durham Hospital Foundation)
- Community Foundation Grey Bruce: \$15,000
- Southgate 25 Year Anniversary: \$12,500

Current draft budget revenue for 2025: \$49,000 (estimation due to royalties being based on materials processed).

Southgate Community Vibrancy Fund (Solar Fund)

Current Balance: \$307,531.58

Current draft budget expenditures:

- Grants & Donations: \$12,500 (includes Durham Hospital Foundation)
- Community Foundation Grey Bruce: \$15,000
- Southgate 25 Year Anniversary: \$12,500

Current draft budget revenue for 2025: \$75,000 (as per agreement).

Internal Policy and Legislated Requirements:

Policy #3 – Grants & Donations Policy

Financial and Resource Implications:

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

Strategic Priorities:

Priority: Happy, Healthy Communities

Attachments:

List Attachments:

None