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STAFF REPORT: Community Services



REPORT TO: Committee of The Whole
MEETING DATE: June 6, 2016
REPORT NO.: CSPW.16.087
SUBJECT: Blue Pumpkin Proposal
PREPARED BY: Shawn Everitt, Director of Community Services

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSPW.16.087 “Blue Pumpkin Proposal”;

AND THAT Council approve the use of Town owned lands as outlined in this report;

AND THAT Council approve funding to an upset limit of \$3,000 for the materials required to grow a maximum of 5 giant pumpkin plants;

AND THAT Council approve the funding of \$790 for Fall Fair prizes for the Pumpkin Category as outlined in this report;

AND THAT Council authorize Community Services Staff to provide assistance for the Giant Pumpkin Project including staff time and equipment as outlined in this report.

B. Background

Over the past two years, Staff have worked with Lionel Boutet to help facilitate two projects including the River Walk Stair Challenge and the Blue Pumpkin Project. This year, Mr. Boutet made the request to Community Services to expand the Town’s role in the Blue Pumpkin Project to include supplying Town owned land to increase the number of pumpkin plants grown for the project. In 2015, Mr. Boutet worked on a successful project in partnership with the Beaver Valley Community School. This partnership allowed Mr. Boutet to plant pumpkins on School property and, in turn, provided the School an opportunity to assist in this great learning opportunity. This arrangement and project is set to continue in 2016.

Mr. Boutet has recently requested an additional pumpkin patch be supplied by the Town. Staff reviewed a number of options including the Town Hall Park property, the Beaver Valley Community Centre green space, the Cedar Grove Park property and the Moreau Park property. The location requires access to water and hydro and provide full sun exposure. Staff identified that the Tomahawk Recreation Complex could offer those requirements while providing less chance of vandalism.

In addition to the supply of land, Staff required Mr. Boutet to provide a detailed list of his “needs” and “wants” for the project, including the expected level of commitment of Town resources for the Blue Pumpkin Project.

The requested level of commitment from the Town is as follows;

- 3,000 square feet of land (54 feet x 54 feet - 2,916 square feet)
- Funding for materials as per list provided by Lionel Boutet (see Attachment B)
- Supply and delivery of 33 cubic yards of soil
- Staff time in the amount of 5 hours per week
- Preparation of pumpkin patch

It is suggested that this would be an annual program where costs for Staff time would be required annually, however the initial start-up of the pumpkin patch would be a onetime cost.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Goals

Goal #2 - Engage our communities and partners

D. Environmental Impacts

Environmental measures would be in place to ensure sustainable use of Town owned land.

E. Financial Impact

Staff Time for Pumpkins

\$27.00 per day x 5 days per week x 16 weeks	\$2,160.00
Back hoe to load pumpkins to be shipped to Port Elgin	<u>\$150.00</u>
Sub Total	\$2,310.00

Actual Funding

Pumpkin patch preparation and materials	\$938.00
Funds for materials as outlined in request	\$1,678.55
Funds requested for Fall Fair prizes	<u>\$790.00</u>
Sub Total	\$3,406.55

Total Town commitment \$5,716.55 for first year

Staff suggest that annually the Staff time required for the project would remain at approximately \$2,200 for the limited involvement and required materials would be minimal.

Staff suggest that funding in the amount of \$1,500 be made available from the Grants and Donation Budget with the remaining funding being unfinanced pending Council approval.

F. In Consultation With

Senior Management Team
Director of Finance and IT Services

G. Attached

1. Lionel Boutet Request
2. Breakdown of Town Commitments

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Everitt, Director of Community
Services

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For best results we need these things.

\$36.34 2x4s Spruce
\$10 fasteners approx.
\$43.97 OSB
\$285.89 Electrical cord
Sump pump (\$150. n/c)
\$53.64 sprinklers
\$49.12 hoses
\$310.75 Safety fence
\$237. fence posts
\$250. Holding tank 200
\$76.84 tent struts and covering
\$325. Tiller rental

\$1,678.55 Material
\$790.00 prize money for Fall Fair
\$2468.55

Details

Building materials to buy for

2x4 @ \$2.68 each. x 12= \$32.16 + 4.18 = \$36.34

OSB \$12.97 each x 3 = 38.91 + 5.06 = \$43.97

Loop tent struts \$50 and covering plastic \$18. = \$68 + \$8.84 = \$76.84

Sump pump (\$150. n/c)

Electrical cord 2 at 4/3 \$90 each = \$180

1 + 12/3 \$73

total of \$253 +13% tax is \$32.89

Total of \$285.89

2 sprinklers that \$17.49

Y connector \$12.49

= \$47.4

+ \$6.17 tax T

Total of \$53.64

2 x 25' @ \$13.49 = 26.98

+ 1 @ 50' @ \$16.49 = \$43.47 + \$5.65 = \$49.12

Safety fence 5 rolls 50 feet long \$54.99 \$275.00 \$35.75 tax

= \$310.75

for fence post 20 X \$10.49 each is \$209.80 +27.27 Tax

= \$237.

Holding tank 200 gallon \$150 + \$100. delivery = \$250.

Loop tent struts \$50 and covering plastic \$18. - \$68. \$8.84 Tax = \$76.84

Tiller rental \$325.

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Prize money

3 categories \$400. First

\$300 Second

\$90 third

Mr Green and Mr McMullen will Help with water and tilling and electricity
as necessary and in a limited way when agreed upon.

I will volunteer my time for the project.

Breakdown of Town Commitments

Area for Pumpkins

Pumpkins require the following;

- 100 square feet per pumpkin
- Potential of five pumpkins per plant for a total of 500 square feet per plant
- The request from Lionel is to grow 4 pumpkin plants
- 4 Plants at 500 square feet per plant equals 2000 square feet

Staff is suggesting total area required based on original request be 3,000 square feet to provide a buffer area for planting site

Site prep requires the tilling of land and the supply and delivery of material, potentially compost from the landfill. Approximately 33 cubic yards is required to provide 3 inches of coverage.

Estimated cost per cubic yard is \$30 per cubic yard

Top Soil Material & Trucking $\$30 \times 20$ cubic yards = \$600.00 + Taxes of \$78.00= \$678.00

Compost Material – no fee “from Landfill” consulted with Jeff Fletcher

Trucking of Compost - \$200.00

Total of \$938.00 for supply and delivery of material Pumpkin Patch Prep