

STAFF REPORT: Administration



REPORT TO: Finance and Administration Committee

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2007

REPORT NO.: CEDC.07.09

SUBJECT: 2008 Grants and Donations Program

**PREPARED BY: Lisa Kidd, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator
Elizabeth Thompson, Deputy Treasurer**

A. Recommendations

That Council receive Staff Report CEDC.07.09, "2008 Grants and Donations Program" for information purposes; and

That Council authorize staff to apply existing subsidized rental rates to currently subsidized groups for the balance of 2007 and for the period of 2008 until the budget is approved.

B. Background

New this year, the Town of The Blue Mountains has implemented a 'Grants and Donations Program' for community groups and organizations to make application for financial support for events and activities.

The new program aims to reduce duplication and streamline the process for subsidies and donations.

For information purposes, the Beaver Valley Athletic Association has not made an application to date but has been considered in the 2008 budget projections.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan (Statement(s) identifying how actions further the goals of the Strategic Plan)

Strategic Action 3.5 Continue to support cultural groups and community events.

D. Budget Impact (cc: Treasury if required)

Attached is a summary of the grants and donations requests indicating the name of the applicant, request amount and nature of the disbursement.

To date, the total request amount is \$51,915.00 (not including the Beaver Valley Athletic Association). The 2007 Budget for subsidization and grants totalled 85,500.00 plus \$25,000.00 for financial support of the Georgian Triangle Tourist Association.

The proposed budget amount for 2008 is \$117,452.00 , which includes a 15% contingency for additional requests, which may be received over the course of the calendar year.

Historically, the town has granted \$17,500.00 to the Thornbury Clarksburg Union Cemetery which has also been included in the proposed 2008 Budget amount.

E. Attached (Relevant documentation not personal information about an identifiable person)

Attachment 1- 2008 Grants, Donation and Subsidy Application List

Attachment 2- Historical Grants, Donations and Subsidies - 2007 Year-to-Date and 2006 Actual

Respectfully submitted,

Signature

Signature