

STAFF REPORT: Financial Services



REPORT TO: Council
MEETING DATE: April 14, 2008
REPORT NO.: FS.08.16
SUBJECT: Ravenna Community Hall Improvements
PREPARED BY: Teresa Oakley, Manager of Revenue

A. Recommendations

THAT Council does receive Staff Report FS.08.16, "Ravenna Community Hall Improvements" and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Letter of Agreement between Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains for Ontario Trillium Foundation funding to make the main entrance and washrooms in Ravenna Community Hall fully accessible, increasing comfort and community usage; and

THAT no public announcement about the grant will be made until such time as the Town receives the first payment and the Government of Ontario is able to coordinate the public announcement events, as directed by Helen Burstyn, Chair of the Board, The Ontario Trillium Foundation.

B. Background

An application was submitted to The Ontario Trillium Foundation (The Foundation) requesting that they invest in Ravenna Community Hall building improvements. The improvements include the installation of a septic system, washroom upgrades, the removal of the existing front entrance, and the construction of an addition to the hall for safer and more accessible entrance to the building.

By letter dated March 13, 2008 The Foundation notified the Town that their application had been approved. The Foundation will provide \$55,000 over 12 months to construct a 20' x 20' room with two accessible washrooms and an accessible entrance to the parking lot. The detailed design must meet the barrier-free design requirements of the 2006 Ontario Building Code.

The Foundation is providing funds for this initiative to support healthier and more physically active Ontarians because it will promote recreational activities for people of all ages and abilities, and create accessible community-friendly spaces and facilities for people to gather.

It is acknowledged through the attached Letter of Agreement that the renovated facility will not be used for food preparation, due to possible quality of water

concerns. However, food may be prepared at a location other than the Ravenna Community Hall and served at the Hall.

Staff has reviewed the Letter of Agreement to ensure that it is ready for signing by the Mayor and Clerk

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

Supporting the development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community.

Preserving and enhancing the cultural heritage of the community.

D. Budget Impact

The cost of the project is estimated at \$85,000. The Foundation will provide \$55,000 leaving a balance of \$30,000 to be funded from a reserve entitled "Small Halls", established for this purpose through taxation in previous years.

E. Attached

None

Respectfully submitted,

Signature