

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 20, 2023

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Tiffany MacLaren, Manager Community and Economic Development

SUBJECT: Mississippi Mills 2023 Pride Funding

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Committee of the Whole approve Mississippi Mills Pride using their 2023 Municipal Grant (\$3750) towards the cost of a permanent public installation.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the Mississippi Mills 2023 Municipal Grant process the Mississippi Mills Pride Committee was awarded \$3750. Their application requested the funds to be used towards the cost of installing three progress pride crosswalks in Mississippi Mills.

DISCUSSION:

The Pride Committee would like to work towards a permanent installation to celebrate pride and inclusivity. They are asking for council approval of the reallocation of the funds before sharing their plans with the public. The annual installation of painted crosswalks is expensive and can be difficult to coordinate with suppliers. In our climate the paint needs to be reinstated each year.

The committee would like to start a campaign to generate interest and solicit ideas from the public for more permanent projects. Some possible ideas could include a mural, a special bench, a public art piece, or something interactive like the Interval House pebble mosaic behind Almonte Old Town Hall.

The committee plans to complete this project in 2023. They will be required to return to Council with more information, including potential locations, prior to construction.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications as the funding has already been allotted and transferred to the Pride Committee. The pride committee received \$3750 for 2023.

SUMMARY:

Staff are asking for Committee of the Whole approval to allow the Mississippi Mills Pride Committee to use the funds they received for 2023 toward a permanent installation.

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by:

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