

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Wednesday, October 14, 2020

WARD(S): ALL

**TITLE: OLDER ADULT SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM, 2020-2021
WINTER SEASON**

FROM:

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ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To report back to Council on the funding options to support the Community & Home Assistance To Seniors (CHATS) Older Adult Snow Removal program for the 2020-2021 winter season.

Report Highlights

- On October 2, 2019, Council approved a one-year Snow Removal Pilot Project in partnership with CHATS, a not-for-profit organization servicing older adults in York Region.
- At the September 29, 2020, Council meeting, Council received a presentation from CHATS that demonstrated the community need of the snow removal referral program for older adults in Vaughan and confirmed Council's support to continue the program for the 2020-2021 winter season.
- Staff were asked to explore possible funding sources of approximately \$20,000 to assist CHATS in expanding the snow removal program for 2020-2021.
- The amount of \$20,000 has been identified from the 2021 Corporate Contingency to help fund the older adult snow removal program for this upcoming winter season.

Recommendation

1. That funding to support the CHATS Older Adult Snow Removal program for the 2020-2021 winter season, be provided from the 2021 Corporate Contingency.

Background

At the Council meeting of October 2, 2019, Council approved a member's resolution for the City to enter into a partnership agreement with CHATS – Community and Home Assistance to Seniors, a not-for-profit service organization in Vaughan that has been providing home and community supports to older adults across York Region and South Simcoe since 1980. The agreement was established to support a pilot program for the 2019/2020 winter season to assist older adults in the Vaughan community in securing snow removal services for their homes.

Based on information provided in a presentation by CHATS at the September 22, 2020 Committee of Whole meeting, the first year of the pilot program demonstrated the community need for snow removal services for older adults in Vaughan. The program helped support this most vulnerable demographic group in our community with snow removal services. At the September 29, 2020 Council meeting, the CHATS Snow Removal Pilot project was extended to the 2020/2021 winter season and staff were asked to report back to Council on funding the program in the amount of \$20,000 for this upcoming year. In response to this request, operating funds have been identified in the Corporate Contingency budget to help with the costs of the program for the upcoming fiscal year.

Previous Reports/Authority

1. [Council Meeting, September 29, 2020](#)
2. [Council Meeting, October 2, 2019](#).

Analysis and Options

The continuation of the Older Adult Snow Removal program in partnership with CHATS for the 2020/2021 winter season, will help the most vulnerable and ensure the safety of seniors in our community.

Financial Impact

The funding recommended to support the continuation of the Older Adult Snow Removal program with CHATS for 2020/21 is \$20,000 and will be secured from the 2021 Corporate Contingency.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

None

Conclusion

The success and demonstrated need of the pilot partnership program with CHATS to assist older adults with snow removal, supports the continuation of the service for the upcoming 2020/2021 winter season. The said program will be evaluated once again at the end of the 2021 winter term and a report will be provided to Council on the effectiveness of the service provided to Vaughan's older adult resident.

For more information, please contact Angela Palermo, Recreation Manager, Community Development & Planning, ext. 8139.

Attachments

None

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