Corporation of the Town of Hawkesbury

Recommendation to Council

N° 2019 REC 69

File N°:

Date of meeting: August 26, 2019

Subject: Financial partners for the hiring of a project manager

Recommendation

Whereas the Town wishes to hire a project manager to initiate work in future development projects, and;

Whereas the Hawkesbury Industrial Investment Association (HIIA), the Hawkesbury Business Improvement Area (BIA) and the Prescott-Russell Employment Services Centre (PRESC) wish to invest in the economic, tourism and community development of the town of Hawkesbury, and;

Whereas each financial partner agrees to pay the sum of \$15,000 for the first year and \$15,000 for the second year for a total of \$90,000 to ensure the hiring of a project manager.

Be it resolved to accept the participation of three financial partners with a total investment of \$90,000 over a two-year period and to hire a project manager to initiate work in future projects as recommended in document 2019_REC_69.

Explanation, history, context

The Hawkesbury Industrial Investment Association (HIIA), the Hawkesbury Business Improvement Association (BIA) and the Prescott-Russell Employment Services Centre (PRESC) want to invest in the Hawkesbury economic, tourism and community boom. In order to do that, each financial partner agrees to pay the sum of \$15,000 for the first year and \$15,000 for the second year, for a total of \$90,000, to ensure the hiring of a project manager.

In return for their investment, the financial partners request a right of scrutiny on the selection of the candidate and to be kept informed of the progress of the files by way of a monthly report.

The financial partners want to work downstream with the Town Council on the following projects and want to ensure that the Council supports the following projects:

- A. Revitalization of Main Street and the Pioneers' Place:
 - Promote the Community Improvement Plan;
 - Open the conversation to standardize the opening and closing hours of the merchants on Main Street according to the merchant hours on Route 17;
 - Work with the PRESC for respite personnel for small traders;
 - Develop a plan to improve and clean the Town's entrances to make them cleaner and more welcoming;
 - Address action plans under the Opportunités Prescott-Russell Opportunity (OPRO) study that are the most urgent, and;
- B. Participate in the development of the Chenail Island as a destination of choice and a hiking trail on the northeastern shore along the Ottawa River, and;
- C. Follow the Ministry of Natural Resources file, and;
- D. Participate in the development of a bio-organic urban farm in the borough of James, Portelance and Taché Streets, including a greenhouse and commercial kitchen, and;
- E. Develop a plan to enhance the forest cover.

It is understood that the project manager will work with the Town's various departments and report to the Chief Administrative Officer. The project manager will be responsible for submitting grant applications to governments, foundations, organizations and private donors to carry out the projects listed above.

Impact on budget

None, except for the coordination and administration by the CAO's department.

Relevant studies

N/A

Supporting document

N/A

Communication plan

The communication coordinator will use social media to inform the population of the progress of files managed by the project manager.

Department(s) involved

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Comments of the Chief Administrative Officer

None

Daniel Gatien, CAO

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