

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND CULTURE

Re: New Horizons for Seniors Programs Grant Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report of the Director of Recreation and Culture be received;

AND THAT Council agrees to enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Employment and Social Development for the New Horizons for Seniors Program grant;

AND THAT the appropriate bylaw be executed to effect this decision.

BACKGROUND

In October 2022, staff applied for the New Horizons for Seniors Program federal grant for \$25,000 (the maximum amount). This federal grant supports community-based projects that empower seniors in their communities and contribute to improving their health and well-being. The funding is offered under the Employment and Social Development Canada department that works to improve the standard of living and quality of life for all Canadians.

ANALYSIS

The City of Elliot Lake was successful in receiving \$22,334 to fund the Elliot Lake Wellness Program for Seniors. These funds will be used to host programs, cover facility rental fees, purchase equipment for programs and pay for instructors and speakers for some of the programs. The City of Elliot Lake will work with community partners and senior organizations to execute and plan the programs. Our goal is to offer several different programs/activities for seniors that are free of charge that help increase their social, psychological and physical well-being. We intend to help fund senior hockey, pickleball, baseball, fitness classes and other activities throughout the next year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The City of Elliot Lake was successful in receiving \$22,334 from the New Horizons for Seniors Program grant. This is a 100% grant. In order to ensure the success of the programs and events offered to the seniors in the community, some in-kind donations in staff time and resources will be contributed from the City of Elliot Lake.

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This project aligns with the City's Strategic Plan through increasing health and community wellness in the community, more specifically, our senior population.

SUMMARY

This is a great opportunity to use the funds provided by the federal government to develop, offer and expand our programs in the community for seniors. This funding will assist us in contributing towards increasing the social, psychological and physical well-being of the seniors in our community by using the facilities and resources that we have in Elliot Lake.