

Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of October 1, 2020

To:

Committee of the Whole

Date:

September 18, 2020

From:

Jo-Ann O'Connor, Deputy Director of Finance

Subject:

2021 Strategic Plan Grants

RECOMMENDATION

That Council provide direction on any area(s) of focus for the 2021 strategic plan grants stream.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

When Council considered the 2020 strategic plans grants and recommendations from the external grant review committee in July 2020, two related motions were passed by Council in connection with the process for 2021.

The first motion directed staff to amend the current Strategic Grant application form to include additional questions regarding program participation and benefits to individuals including equity considerations, and this will be actioned.

The second motion directed staff to report to Council on an annual basis before the strategic plan grant process begins for direction from Council as to whether there should be a particular focus for the next year's strategic grant stream. This report seeks that direction.

In addition, staff were directed to request an annual strategic plan priority ranking from Councillors to assist the External Grant Review Committee in assessing the strategic plan grants by providing some weighting of applications based on strategic plan priorities. Staff have already requested each member of Council to submit their individual rankings.

Should Council wish to establish a particular focus for the 2021 grant stream, a motion to establish that would be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy Director of Finance

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Deputy City Manager/CFO

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

Date: September 22, 2020