



Committee of the Whole Report

For the Meeting of June 24, 2021

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** June 10, 2021
From: Kerri Moore, Head of Community and Business Relations
Subject: Bastion Square 2021 Project Funding

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Authorize staff to release \$93,000 from the Bastion Square Market Fund to the BSRA for improvement projects in 2021.
2. That the above motion be forwarded to the daytime Council meeting of June 24 for ratification.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The BSRA operates the summer outdoor market in Bastion Square, which, in addition to animating the square and providing a livelihood for regional artists and artisans, contributes net proceeds towards improvements to the square. Under a joint agreement, proceeds are held by the City of Victoria until such time as projects requiring the funds are identified. Past projects have included the Commerce Canoe art installation, replacement of the Bastion Square sign at Wharf Street, overhead lighting and several historical interpretive panels.

The attached funding request (Appendix A) follows a previous funding request from the Bastion Square Revitalization Association (BSRA) in November, 2020. At that time, the BSRA requested and obtained the release of \$23,395 from the funds to be used for tree lighting in several locations in the square. That work is now complete.

The BSRA has worked with City staff to identify a suite of projects for the summer of 2021. These projects and associated BSRA portion of costs include:

Overhead (catenary) lighting in Commercial Alley	\$15,000
Repaving Commercial Alley	\$7,000
Pattern stamping and coating Commercial Alley	\$32,000
Mural replacement on Youth Empowerment Society Building	\$5,000
Window art in 28 Bastion Square (former Maritime Museum Building)	\$15,000
Place Naming Signs	\$3,500
Contingency (~20%)	\$15,500
TOTAL	\$93,000

The request for the release of \$93,000 in funding is consistent with terms and conditions of the fund agreement between the City and the BSRA. There is currently \$230,380 in the funds held by the City. The proposed projects have been reviewed with City staff, property owners and suppliers and staff are confident that they can proceed successfully. Approval for release of the requested funds is therefore recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Hill
Community Development Coordinator

Kerri Moore
Manager, Business and Community Relations

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager: _____

Date: _____

List of Attachments

Appendix A - BSRA Funding Request Letter