



Summary of Funded Projects

2018 Partnership & Sponsorship Grants

1st Intake (March 2018)

Beachburg Agricultural Society - \$1,000

The grant would support the replacement of 12 windows on heritage hall. The society runs the Beachburg Fair which is celebrating its 161th edition. The hall was built in 1931 and is unique in its architecture as an octagon. It is used to house homecraft entries during the fair and for a variety of community functions. The society has invested in its buildings over the last several years. The hall and the fair are important pieces of Beachburg and the Township's history, as well as economic generators. Total project costs are estimated at \$10,500.

Beachburg Horticultural Society - \$900

The society was organized in 1959 and promotes beautification in our community. For several years, it has provided large planters along the main street of Beachburg. The grant would cover materials and in-kind support could be provided for transport.

Cobden Big Give - \$700

The grant is a fee waiver for use of the ice pad at the Cobden Astrolabe Arena for a one-day free event where a variety of groups can exchange free services and goods. The event is organized by local churches who also assume all costs other than the fee to use the facility. The 2017 edition was very well attended and a huge success.

Cobden Curling Club - \$1,000

The Township's contribution would assist the club with repair of its existing roof. It is the only curling rink in Whitewater Region and offers recreational activities at affordable prices for all ages and abilities, including Learn to Curl and After School programs. Total costs for the project are estimated at \$7,000. The curling club recently undertook an update to its ice plant through community fundraising and a loan.

Cobden Pickleball Association - \$500

The grant will offset fees for use of the Cobden Astrolabe Arena for pickleball which occurs twice per week and provides seniors in the area with a recreational activity. The association is looking to attract new players.

Cobden Santa Claus Committee - \$1,000

The grant will support the organization of the annual Cobden Santa Claus Parade, including treats for children and the pipe band. The Township will work with the committee on other projects to help beautify main street with other sources of funding.

Foresters Falls Athletic Association - \$1,000

The association is planning to install a beach volleyball court at the rink so that the facility can be used in the summer months. Funds will assist with the purchase of a fully adjustable, competition grade net and posts and other equipment. The Township will also work with the FFAA on its plans for a winter lending hub with available funds from the Healthy Kids Initiative.

Muskrat Watershed Council - \$4,000

The Township supports the important role of the watershed council in improving water quality in Muskrat Lake and the watershed as a whole. This operating grant supports on-going work, including the beach aeration project and data collection. The council is supported by a team of volunteers. Funding was also requested from two other townships.

Ottawa Valley Cycling and Active Transportation Alliance - \$2,000

This group is proposing to construct a rest shelter and bike repair station on the Algonquin Trail in Cobden. The alliance was incorporated in 2016, includes residents of Whitewater Region, and two members participated in the Township's First Impressions Community Exchange. The project will support tourism and cycling with total project costs estimated at \$8,000 with other sources of funding being explored.

Tour de Whitewater - \$1,000

The grant supports this successful event which attracted hundreds to the Township for the inaugural event in 2017. The grant includes a fee waiver and support for additional outdoor temporary washrooms and advertising. The total budget for the event is nearing \$10,000. It will include seven different rides, including a 10 km hard surface family ride, 30/50/100/150 km hard surface rides, and a 60 km gravel road ride.

Westmeath 4H Club - \$500

The club operates at local facilities and the grant will help with meeting costs. The club was originally formed in 1976 and has up to 80 participants. Two different groups operate with 20 hours per year aged 10 to 17 years. This enthusiastic bunch participates in dairy clubs, show beef in the Beachburg area, as well as sheep in Renfrew and Cobden.

Westmeath & District Pickle Ball - \$500

The grant will offset fees for use of the Westmeath Arena and Beachburg Public School for pickleball which occurs twice per week and provides adults over 16 years of age in the area with a recreational activity. The association is looking to attract new players.

Westmeath & District Recreation Association - \$4,000

The grant will support new recreational programming, including Yoga and Tai Chi and to offer rink-based programming to community youth. In addition, the association is looking to expand the distribution of the monthly WDRA newsletter for better outreach and information sharing on community activities.

Whitewater Bromley Community Health Centre - \$2,500

The grant will offset a portion of facility costs for group fitness classes for older adults in several community locations, including Cobden & Westmeath.

Whitewater Historical Society - \$3,400

The grant will support upgrades to support proper archiving including software and supplies. In addition, it will also support the annual heritage event.