

February 6, 2020

Report to Council – February 11, 2020

**2020-028
2020 Budget
Community Partners**

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RECOMMENDED

THAT Council receive the 2020 Budget requests from Community Partners and;

THAT Council provide direction to City Staff with respect to each individual budget request.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to review and provide City Staff direction regarding the 2020 Budget requests from each of the Community Partners.

BACKGROUND

The City of Brockville's annual budget includes funding requests from various Community Partners.

The City's budget webpage <https://brockville.com/budget> is updated on a regular basis and staff have included all the Community Partner's budget information.

For 2020, the Community Partners are:

- Aquatarium at Tall Ships Landing
- Brock Trail
- Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority
- Cemetery Board
- Chamber of Commerce-balance of MAT Funding
- Downtown Brockville (DBIA)
- Joint Services
- Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit
- Library Board
- St. Lawrence Lodge

- Police Services Board
- Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN)
- Frontenac Arch Biosphere
- Brockville Rotary
- Brockville Pickleball Club

In the past, Community Partners would submit their budgets but would not necessarily come to present them to Council. For the 2020 budget process, they have all been invited to present their budgets and provide Council their plans for 2020. This is a good opportunity for the public to gain a better understanding of the services and programs each of the community partners provide.

The presentations are expected to be completed over two Council meetings, February 11th and February 18th with any Council questions to be brought back at the February 25th Council meeting.

Final adoption of the 2020 budget is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

ANALYSIS

The following chart represents the percentage of the 2019 Tax Levy (\$36,316,132) that the Community Partners made up.

Community Partner	2019 Budget	% of Levy
Aquatarium	535,000	1.47%
Cataraqui Regional Conservation Authority	202,210	0.56%
Cemetery	116,593	0.32%
Joint Services	3,584,606	9.87%
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	397,065	1.09%
Library	702,377	1.93%
Library-Capital Maintenance	22,310	0.06%
Police-Operating	7,414,620	20.42%
Police-Capital Maintenance	44,369	0.12%
Police-Capital Replacement-Tax Rate Portion	213,733	0.59%
Rotary-Santa Claus Parade	4,000	0.01%
St. Lawrence Lodge	1,265,117	3.48%
Total	14,514,668	39.97%

The following were not included in the above list as the funding is not on the tax rate:

- Downtown Business Association \$296,436 levied against businesses in the downtown area;
- Brock Trail 2019 budget of \$50,000 was funded through the Federal Gas Tax;
- Chamber of Commerce \$200,000 of the Municipal Accommodation Tax
- Police Capital Replacement that was not funded on the tax rate
 - Fleet-\$50,000 debt
 - Parking Lot Repaving-\$67,166 funded from Federal Gas Tax

The following Community Partners represent new requests:

- EORN-Eastern Ontario Regional Network
- Frontenac Arch Biosphere
- Brockville Pickleball Group

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Of the 2019 budget, the Community Partners represented 39.97% or \$14,514,668 of the 2019 Levy.

The total amount requested for the 2020 Budget from the Community partners is \$15,414,269 and represents a 6.20% increase. This amount represents a significant commitment by Council as well as a significant portion of the overall tax levy.

City staff highlight the following which may change upon final budget adoption:

- The Aquatarium at Tall Ships is currently estimated as a zero increase and more will be known at their presentation;
- The Brock Trail shows their amount 100% on the tax rate as funding options have not been approved. The 2019 funding (\$50,000) for the Brock Trail had been allocated from Federal Gas Tax.

Community Partner	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change	% Change	
Aquatarium	535,000	535,000	0		Estimated
Cataraqui Regional Conservation Authority	202,210	203,756	1,546	0.76%	
Cemetery-Operating	116,593	180,637	64,044	54.93%	
Cemetery-Capital Maintenance	12,668	10,000	(2,668)	(21.06%)	
Joint Services	3,584,606	3,458,287	(126,319)	(3.52%)	
Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit	397,065	429,378	32,313	8.14%	Estimated
Library-Operating	702,377	782,254	79,877	11.37%	
Library-Operating Incremental		12,515	12,515	100.00%	
Library-Capital Maintenance/Replacement	22,310	106,050	83,740	375.35%	
Police-Operating	7,414,620	7,768,651	354,031	4.77%	
Police-Capital Maintenance	44,369	58,385	14,016	31.59%	
Police-Capital Replacement	213,733	204,259	(9,474)	(4.43%)	
Rotary-Santa Claus Parade	4,000	6,000	2,000	50.00%	
St. Lawrence Lodge	1,265,117	1,384,585	119,468	9.44%	Estimated
Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN)		150,057	150,057	100.00%	New
Frontenac Arch Biosphere		8,455	8,455	100.00%	New
Brockville Pickle Club		16,000	16,000	100.00%	New
Brock Trail-note 2019 \$50,000 funded from Federal Gas Tax		100,000	100,000	100.00%	
Totals	14,514,668	15,414,269	6.20%		

CONCLUSION

The City of Brockville's annual budget includes funding requests from various Community Partners. Council must consider each budget submission from Community Partners and approve the amounts that will be funded from the City's tax levy.

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