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Communications Committee

Supplemental Agenda

Date: September 15th, 2021

Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m.





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1. New Business

- a. Request for Approval: Community Environmental Grants – Kelsey 3-6

John Mesman

Team Lead, Community Lands and Outreach



To: Communications Committee
From: Kelsey Smith, Stewardship and Outreach Assistant II
Date: September 13, 2021
Subject: Request for Approval: Community Environmental Grants

RECOMMENDATION:

The Communications Committee recommends the Board of Directors approval of Community Environmental Grants in the amount of \$300 to:

- Eco East

DISCUSSION:

In March, the Communications Committee approved amendments to South Nation Conservation’s (SNC) Community Environmental Grants Program to allow applications for tree and shrub planting and community garden development in response COVID-19 related event cancellations (NO. CMN-036/20).

The Committee also directed staff to engage with community groups and past project partners to support new funding applications (NO. CMN-036/20).

The following applications for the amended Community Environmental Grants Program have been received:

Eco East

Eco East is a community environmental organization who is working with the Russell Township to to plant a larger caliper-sized tree at the municipal dog park located on Notre Dame Street between Russell and Embrun. The municipality has granted permission for this activity.

Funding from this grant will be used to purchase a caliper-sized tree.

Below is a summary of Community Environmental Grant Funding to date:

Community Environmental Grant Money Dispersed (2021)	Community Environmental Grant Money Under Review	Remaining Funds
\$5,400	\$900	\$4,300



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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget:

Funding for Community Environmental Grants is included in the 2021 SNC Budget under Communications and Outreach – Partnership Development on page 90.

SNC Policy Adherence:

Disbursement of Community Environmental Grants is compliant with the purchasing policy – Purchasing Limits/Authorized Buyers – Team Lead’s approved limit of up to \$3,000.

Kelsey Smith

Kelsey Smith,
Stewardship and Outreach Assistant

Attachments: Community Environmental Grant - Application Letter

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Community Environmental Grant Application – Tree Planting

Eco East Russell Dog Park Tree Planting

Eco East is a community environmental organization. Our mission is leading the community towards a sustainable future for all through volunteer action, community partnerships and education by inspiring a love and respect of nature. We are a volunteer-run organization. In the spring of 2021, we planted over 700 tree seedlings on private properties in the Russell/Embrun area. We

We are working together with Russell Township to plant a larger caliper-sized tree at the municipal dog park located on Notre Dame Street between Russell and Embrun. The municipality has granted permission for this activity and the permission letter is attached along with the application form.

We are hoping to purchase a single tree with the SNC grant money. Some of the grant money may be spent on additional materials, or these additional costs may be borne by Eco East. The Eco East team has not yet chosen the tree, so there is some flexibility. The tree will need to be protected by a fence/cage so that the dogs do not destroy it when it is young. Eco East volunteers will take care of ordering, digging, planting of the new tree, installing the cage, and watering the tree in its first few weeks. Following that initial care, the ongoing maintenance of the tree and the rest of the dog park is the responsibility of municipal staff.

Location: 550 Notre Dame Street, Russell, Ontario. This is a municipal off-leash dog park. It's a few hundred metres north of the Castor River, between the villages of Embrun and Russell.

Additional funding (if required): Eco East

Project Partners: Russell Township, Eco East, Pick, Plant and Prune

Timing: Tree planting is scheduled for October 2021

Tree species: Populus Deltoides is the preferred species chosen by our volunteers, however, we are happy to discuss with SNC staff to select the appropriate species for this location.

Public health measures: All public health measures in place at the time of planting will be followed by all Eco East volunteers working on this project. This includes social distancing of 2m, mask-wearing, and limits to the number of volunteers present at any one time. We will make sure to contact the EOHU to verify all requirements a few weeks prior to the tree planting.

Contact information: Eco East can be reached by email at ecoeastont@gmail.com. You can also reach out directly to the team lead for the Eco East habitat regeneration working group, Jennifer Glenn (jennifer@pickplantprune.com, [6133024763](tel:6133024763)).



Municipalité de
RUSSELL
Township

July 28, 2021

Eco East
South Nation Conservation
38 Victoria St
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Sir, Madam:

The Township of Russell's Dog Park is located on township land at 550 Notre Dame Street in Embrun, Ontario. The park has been completed by volunteers in cooperation with the township. The Township of Russell would like to participate in planting trees at the dog park.

We thank you for your initiative.

Sincerely,

Millie Bourdeau,
Director,
Public Safety and Enforcement, CEMC