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Environmental Grant Program

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DEVELOPED BY: Chief Administrative Officer
DEPARTMENT: Administration
ADOPTED BY: Council
RESOLUTION NUMBER: R-323-22

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Policy Statement:

The Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen recognizes the importance of environmentally sustainable initiatives such as shoreline preservation that help protect and restore the natural environment.

Purpose:

The Environmental Grant Program has been established in order to assist with environmental sustainability initiatives such as shoreline preservation that help protect and restore the natural environment. Funding is intended to support projects that help to ensure that the natural environment within HBM remains clean and healthy.

Policy Communication:

The adoption of this policy will be communicated to Township residents via the Township's website and via social media and via email by request. Cottage and Lake Associations and other Township organizations are encouraged to apply and to share this policy with interested residents.

General Guidelines:

The provisions of the Environmental Grant Program are as outlined below:

- The total fund amount has been established at \$10,000.00 per year.
- Funding applications will be received until all funds in the grant program have been spent.
- Funding will be distributed on a first-come first serve basis.
- Funding applications will be considered in the order in which they are received.

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- A funding application will consist of a letter addressed to Council that outlines in very specific detail how the funding request helps protect and restore the natural environment.
- All funding applications will be considered by Council in an Open Session Council Meeting following receipt of the funding application.
- Funding will be distributed in increments up to \$1,000.00 per grant application.
- Projects will be funded up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 on a 50-50 matching basis whereby half of the project is funded by the applicant and half is funded by the Township.
- Approval of all grant applications will be in the form of a resolution passed in an Open Session Council Meeting.
- All funding decisions of Council are final as detailed in the Council resolution and cannot be appealed.
- Payment of grant funding will be dispersed on a receipt basis. Proof of payment must be provided to the Township via an original receipt following which a grant payment in the form of a cheque will be processed.
- Successful applicants are encouraged to report back to Council in an Open Session Council Meeting detailing the results of their project and how it helped to protect and restore the natural environment.