

## **CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN**

### **Legacy Park Heritage Sculpture Project**

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#### **Motion:**

That Council approve an additional \$85,000 for the enhancement of the Legacy Park Heritage Sculpture Project with \$45,000 to be allocated from the Commercial Beautification Reserve, and \$40,000 from the Self Financing Reserve.

#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the Legacy Park Heritage Sculpture Project, and to secure additional funding required to enhance the project and complete a sculpture that will be a showpiece for the Fort Heritage Precinct and downtown Fort Saskatchewan.

#### **Background:**

In the 2015 budget, Council approved \$135,000 for a new public art piece. The location chosen for the new piece was the corner of 101 Street and 99 Avenue in Legacy Park. As the sculpture would be located in Legacy Park, the entrance to the Fort Heritage Precinct, and close to the Canadian Northern Railway Station, the theme for the project chosen was a family arriving off the train to settle in Fort Saskatchewan between 1906 and 1913.

The location of the project is set-up as a showpiece for the entire area. Of the proposals received, the project that best fit the area is a bronze sculpture called "First Impression" by Studio West. The sculpture will be a family arriving on a train platform excited about finally reaching their new home. It will consist of a mother holding a young girl, a father carrying suitcases, and a young boy sitting on a trunk.

Bronze was chosen as a medium because it is the most durable, long lasting material for outdoor public sculptures, and is easy to care for. Bronze is also capable of capturing fine details, expressions, and excitement of the family in their new home.

A request for proposal was sent out in March 2015. The cost of the selected artwork is \$200,000 and includes all labor, materials and equipment, including delivery. The additional \$20,000 will cover the costs of site preparation and landscaping around the sculpture.

#### **Plans/Standards/Legislation:**

Not applicable.

#### **Financial Implications:**

Additional funding for the project will be allocated from the Commercial Beautification Reserve (\$45,000), and from the Self Financing Reserve (\$40,000).

#### **Alternatives:**

1. That Council approve an additional \$85,000 for the enhancement of the Legacy Park Heritage Sculpture Project with \$45,000 to be allocated from the Commercial Beautification Reserve, and \$40,000 from the Self Financing Reserve.

2. That Council not approve an additional \$85,000 for the enhancement of the Legacy Park Heritage Sculpture Project, and advise how they wish to proceed.

**Recommendation:**

That Council approve an additional \$85,000 for the enhancement of the Legacy Park Heritage Sculpture Project with \$45,000 to be allocated from the Commercial Beautification Reserve, and \$40,000 from the Self Financing Reserve.

**Attachments:**

Appendix A – Sample Projects

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