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WRITTEN SUBMISSION FOR COUNCIL, (G. Ludorf-Weaver)

The purpose of this delegation is to request an annual sum of \$7000.00 to be considered in the Town of Cobourg's 2022 Budget deliberations, to support Sustainable Cobourg's operational budget.

Sustainable Cobourg has been designated a partner to the Town in its Official Strategic Plan. (January 2021)

The following has been the mandate of S.C. since its inception in 2007:

"The purpose of Sustainable Cobourg is to support, engage, and implement activities that maintain and enhance the environmental, physical, economic, and social health of Cobourg residents by promoting sustainability within the Town of Cobourg and its neighbours."

And further:

"Sustainability is a state in which the demands placed on our earth by people and commerce can be met in a way that doesn't infringe or compromise the ability of the earth to carry on so future generations can also be provided for. It includes strategic dimensions of human/planet interactions that can be classified as environmental stewardship, social responsibility and economic resilience."

Our actions bear this out. Examples:

S.C. has helped produce the Town's Climate Action Plans (2008 and 2020).

S.C. has provided in-service for staff, councillors and others through 'Lunch and Learn' programs to help develop an understanding of sustainability, its meaning, and how it pertains to shaping decisions that will affect a reduction in GHG and mitigate the effects of Climate Change. (April-May 2016)

S.C. worked with the Town to create 'The Cobourg Community Garden' at Tracey Park. (2015-present)

S.C. has provided "Sustainability Tips" for the Town of Cobourg's as well as for LUSI's community outreach channels and social media platforms. (2019-2021)

S.C. has worked with post-secondary institutions, both Fleming and Trent University, on collaborative research projects including leveraging our Digital Innovation capacity with local staff to address food security, as well as a Venture 13 energy audit done by Trent University undergrads, where we have the potential to create an educational training module that uses open data to demonstrate sustainability in the energy sector with the support of Lakefront Utility. We also had Trent students work on updating the Town of Cobourg's Forest Management Study. (2019-2022)

S.C. was instrumental in describing, advocating, and shepherding the then, Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee, now, the Sustainability and Climate Emergency Advisory Committee. (2018-present)

S.C. works to create a community that supports the Town's definition of sustainability adopted by Council on January 13, 2020.

"Sustainability is environmental, economic, social and cultural actions that meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

After discussions with the Mayor, the C.A.O., as well as the Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer, concerning the fact that S.C.'s funding, which had relied on membership fees both Corporate and regular, but suspended due to the pandemic, it was suggested that the Town could provide financial support similar to that which is provided to the Concert Band and the Art Gallery.

Creating a defined role between S.C. and the Town would formalize that relationship much like those existing in other municipalities such as in Kingston (Sustainable Kingston), Orillia, (Sustainable Orillia) and Peterborough (Sustainable Peterborough).

Each one of these examples and many others, work in collaboration with their respective municipality and are provided funding by them. In addition, usually a municipal staff member and councilor sit on the partner organization's Board .

Suggested Actions for Town:

- 1) Include \$7000.00 in the 2022 Budget deliberations to support the operational costs of S.C. for 2022 and to consider this an annual item.
- 2) Create Terms of Reference to describe the partnership between S.C. and The Town.
- 3) Provide both a staff member and a member of Council to sit on the S.C. Board.
- 4) Create a resolution pertaining to these actions.