



The Corporation of the City of Cornwall
Special Meeting of Council
Report

Department: Infrastructure and Municipal Works
Division: Parks and Recreation
Report Number: 2021-05-Infrastructure and Municipal Works
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Meeting Date: February 1, 2021
Subject: Locomotive #17

Purpose

To provide Council with information regarding the potential donation of Locomotive #17 to the Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario.

Recommendation

That Council receive Report 2021-05-Infrastructure and Municipal Works.

Financial Implications

As part of the 2017 budget deliberations, Council allocated \$100,000 from the Working Reserve for the purposes of this project. The policy associated with use of funding from the Working Reserve stipulates that the monies must be replenished in the following year. Accordingly, should this project proceed in 2021, any expenditures must be reallocated as part of the 2022 municipal budget.

Strategic Priority Implications

This report addresses Council's accountability and transparency to the ratepayers of the City of Cornwall.

Background / Discussion

At their regular meeting of January 11, 2021, Council approved a motion directing Administration to prepare a report which would potentially allow the Corporation to donate Locomotive #17 to the Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario (RMEO) located in Smiths Falls, Ontario. Specifically, Council requested the following information:

- a. How the City of Cornwall acquired Locomotive #17, with details of any obligations we assumed at the time and a summary of the care we have taken in its regard; and
- b. The continued willingness of the Railway Museum personnel to accept Locomotive #17 after they have had an opportunity to assess its current condition: and
- c. The cost of transporting Locomotive #17 to the on-site sheds at the Smiths Falls Museum where the refurbishment would take place.

Acquisition of Locomotive #17

Locomotive #17 was originally purchased by Cornwall Street Railway, Light & Power Company (CSRL&P) in November of 1962. Canadian National Railway (CNR) acquired all rail and equipment operations of CSRL&P in April 1971 and the electric locomotives were retired in August of 1971. As the last operating electric locomotive in Ontario, CNR donated Locomotive #17 to the City of Cornwall in remembrance of the City's street railway operations. Administration is not aware of any record which obligates the City to any conditions of ownership of the locomotive.

In terms of maintenance conducted to the locomotive, in 1981 when the locomotive was moved to the Water Purification Plant property, it was repainted on behalf of the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce under the direction of Mr. D.R Seymour, retired Assistant General Manager of CSRL&P. Funds for the repainting was provided by the City of Cornwall. Since that time, in the summer of 2006 a basic repaint of the exterior was again carried out by volunteers with paint donated by a local hardware store. Other than occasionally removing graffiti and conducting periodic checks to ensure that the unit is secure, the City has not carried out any maintenance activity designed to protect the locomotive from the elements.

Smiths Falls Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario

Administration has been in contact with Mr. Anthony Humphry, President of the Board of Trustees of the RMEO. When advised of the potential donation of the locomotive by the City of Cornwall to RMEO, Mr. Humphry expressed their appreciation at being chosen as prospective wardens of this artifact. Mr. Humphrey confirmed that the RMEO is aware of the current condition of the locomotive and have indicated that



should the City of Cornwall donate the locomotive to RMEO, dedicated volunteers are prepared to refurbish the unit to its original state for the purposes of a static display at their facility.

Transportation to Smiths Falls Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario

Administration has conducted some preliminary research with respect to moving the locomotive from Cornwall to RMEO in Smiths Falls. In addition to having to provide a suitable crane (the locomotive weighs 75 tonnes) to load and unload on a low-rise flatbed transport trailer, a transportation company must obtain permits from the Ministry of Transportation to comply with over-size (height) load restrictions and will require provision of police escort. Accordingly, to provide the previously described services to move the locomotive, it is estimated it will cost in the order of \$50,000. Should the City proceed with the donation of the locomotive, Administration will issue a request for quotation to secure a qualified contractor to provide the described transportation services. It should also be noted that, if the Corporation does proceed with donating Locomotive #17 to RMEO, such a move would likely not occur until the more favourable weather conditions of late Spring/early Summer.

Rescinding of Heritage Designation By-law

In 2006 through the passing of By-law #134-2006, the land upon which Locomotive #17 is currently situated and particularly the artifact/structure (Locomotive 17) thereon was designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest. A copy of the By-law is attached. The primary reason of the Designation at that time was due to the locating of Locomotive #17 on the site. The Designating By-law was intended to set minimum parameters for the protection of those items (primarily Locomotive #17) situated within the borders of the specified property limits. Should Council choose to donate the locomotive to RMEO, the cultural heritage designation of the property and artifact will no longer be applicable. Accordingly, upon approval of the donation of Locomotive #17, Council will be requested to pass a by-law rescinding By-law #134-2006.

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