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Town of Aurora

Committee of the Whole Report

No. CMS24-018

Subject: Aurora Town Square - Rotary Clock Project

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Department: Community Services

Date: May 7, 2024

Recommendation

1. That Report No. CMS24-018 be received; and
2. That Council accept the offer from the Rotary Club for the installation of a rotary clock at Town Square; and
3. That Council agree with the preferred site identified for the location of the clock.

Executive Summary

The Rotary Club of Aurora has offered to cover the costs for the installation of a rotary clock at Aurora Town Square. This report summarizes the details of the offer and is seeking Council's approval.

- Rotary Club of Aurora is offering the installation of a rotary clock at Town Square
- Rotary Club has shared the details of the clock and has identified a recommended location within the outdoor square

Background

The Rotary Club of Aurora has reached out to staff to share the news that they would like to offer to the Town the opportunity to install a rotary clock at Town Square. The only cost to the Town would be for site preparations, otherwise, the clock itself would be paid for by the Club.

Analysis

Rotary Club of Aurora is offering the installation of a rotary clock at Town Square

It is quite common to see a rotary clock (donated by local rotary clubs) located in central destinations within municipalities, often seen in downtown centres, parks, waterfronts, etc.

As the Aurora Town Square project is nearing completion, the Rotary Club reached out to staff to present the offer of a rotary clock. This offer includes the installation of a two-sided rotary clock within the outdoor square. The cost of the clock would be covered by the Rotary Club. The only additional cost would be site preparation (electrical wiring and foundation).

Rotary Club has shared the details of the clock and has identified a recommended location within the outdoor square.



The clock would be a two-sided rotary dial clock and is approximately 11' in height. This sample image is the style of clock being offered.

A representative from the Rotary Club and the clock vendor visited the Town Square site and identified a recommended location for the clock to be installed (shown below).



Staff have shared the specifications of the clock with the Town Square consultants to ensure this was a viable site location. They have shared the following feedback that the preferred location is very visible and there is plenty of space west of the Christmas tree. The clock will sit behind the amphitheatre and be clearly visible from the Square and the street.

The cost of the clock is approximately \$26,000 dollars, all of which will be covered by the Rotary Club. There is an additional one-time cost for electrical and foundation work at approximately \$12,000-\$15,000. Of this cost, the Town would be responsible for \$6,000-\$9,000 as the Rotary Club has committed to contribute \$6,000 towards these installation costs. The Town portion of the costs can be covered by the Town Square capital project budget.

The Rotary Club of Aurora will be financially responsible for the annual check-up, repair and maintenance, as well as the eventual replacement of this clock in Town Square. Therefore, there should be no maintenance or replacement costs to the Town.

Advisory Committee Review

Not Applicable

Legal Considerations

If Council approves the recommendations set out in this report, the Town will enter into an agreement with the Rotary Club of Aurora to outline the ownership of the rotary clock and responsibilities of the parties. Staff have delegated authority to enter into this agreement.

Financial Implications

Should Council agree to these terms, the cost of the rotary clock (approximately \$26,000) will be funded by the Rotary Club of Aurora. The installation costs (electrical, foundation) of \$12,000 to \$15,000 will be funded in part by the Rotary Club for \$6,000 and the remaining balance of \$6,000-\$9,000 by the Town through the Town Square capital budget.

Also, should the clock proceed, the Rotary Club of Aurora would accept full responsibility for the clock's annual maintenance, repairs and replacement.

Communications Considerations

If approved, this report and update will be posted on the Aurora Town Square engagement site.

Climate Change Considerations

The recommendations in this report do not impact greenhouse gas emissions or impact climate change adaptation.

Link to Strategic Plan

The Rotary Clock project supports the following Strategic Plan goals and key objectives:

Supporting an exceptional quality of life for all in its accomplishment in satisfying requirements in the following key objectives within these goal statements:

- Invest in sustainable infrastructure

- Celebrating and promoting our culture
- Strengthening the fabric of our community)

Alternative(s) to the Recommendation

1. Council may provide further direction.

Conclusions

That Council confirm their interest in accepting the offer of the Rotary Clock and agree with the preferred site identified in the outdoor square at the Aurora Town Square.

Attachments

None

Previous Reports

None

Pre-submission Review

Agenda Management Team review on April 18, 2024

Approvals

Approved by Robin McDougall, Director, Community Services

Approved by Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer