

Staff Report

Report To: City Council
Report From: Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk
Meeting Date: November 7, 2022
Report Code: CR-22-096
Subject: Lottery Licence for Scenic City Order of Good Cheer

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-22-096 respecting a lottery licence for the Scenic City Order of Good Cheer, City Council approves the issuance of a lottery licence as outlined in the report, subject to the required securities being provided to staff.

Highlights:

- The Scenic City Order of Good Cheer is applying for a lottery licence with proceeds going towards a splash pad on the east side of Owen Sound.
- Tickets will be sold until December 31, 2023.
- The City's Lottery Licensing By-law requires that all raffle lottery licence applications with total prize values more than \$10K be presented to Council for consideration.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

This report supports the delivery of Core Service.

Previous Report/Authority:

[Lottery Licensing By-law No. 1994-079](#) – section 5.2

Background:

On December 5, 2022, staff received a raffle lottery application from the Scenic City Order of Good Cheer with proceeds going towards a splash pad on the east side of Owen Sound. The application details are as follows:

- Tickets will be sold until December 31, 2023;
- Total prize value of raffle is \$49,999.00;
- Tickets will be sold for \$100 each; and
- The prize is a Dodge Ram Truck.

In accordance with the City's Lottery Licensing By-law No. 1994-079, all raffle lottery licence applications with total prize values exceeding \$10K are to be placed before Council for consideration. Such applications shall be accompanied by security covering the total amount of the prize value in the form of a certified cheque, cash, or letter of credit from a chartered bank. If a letter of credit cannot be obtained by the applicant, an irrevocable letter of guarantee from a Trust Company may be considered as an acceptable form of security.

Analysis:

In order to be eligible to receive a licence, the Scenic City Order of Good Cheer must have certain documentation up to date as required by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO). Staff note that all documents required for licencing have been received and all licensing requirements have been met.

The Scenic City Order of Good Cheer must also provide securities with their raffle lottery licence application as required by the Lottery Licensing By-law. The Scenic City Order of Good Cheer have submitted a letter from the bank, but not the formal security. The Scenic City Order of Good Cheer is anxious to start selling tickets and they don't have a definitive date from the bank as to when they will receive their security documentation.

In the interest of time, as there is a month before the next Council meeting, staff are requesting that Council approve the raffle lottery licence application, subject to the required security being provided, so that the Licensing and Marriage Co-ordinator can issue the licence as soon as the documentation is provided.

Financial Implications:

The City will receive a lottery licence fee of \$1,499.97 which is based on 3% of the prize value of the draw as required by the AGCO.

Communication Strategy:

The Scenic City Order of Good Cheer will be notified of Council's decision.

Consultation:

Licensing and Marriage Co-ordinator

Attachments:

None

Recommended by:

Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk

Kate Allan, Director of Corporate Services

Submission approved by:

Tim Simmonds, City Manager

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