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Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members

From: Gary Geraldi, Director of Parks and Recreation / Waste Management

Date: September 5, 2025

Subject: North Kawartha Veteran Pole Banner Program – 2025 Funding Request

Recommendation:

The Township of North Kawartha provide 2025 Veteran Banner funding in the amount of \$4,087 plus HST for Veteran Banners and a further estimated amount of \$1200.00 plus HST for mounting hardware and scissor lift rental. Funding shall be transferred from General Reserves as required.

Background:

The Veteran Banner Program was discussed by the Mayor and Council over the past few years, so when this program was presented to Council in 2024 by Community Volunteers, Bill Roter and Dylinna Brock, it was received with full support by the Mayor, Council and Staff.

The initial minimum objective was to have all Township Veterans that are currently recognized on the Cenotaph in Apsley, be further recognized with a 5' pole banner that is installed in November, in recognition of their sacrifice and Remembrance Day.

Analysis:

The Veteran Banner Program has been very well received by Veteran's families. Community Volunteer, Bill Roter, with assistance from Kim Tucker, has been working hard to track down pictures and information of every Veteran on the Cenotaph. Although pictures were received and 13 Banners were installed in 2024, more pictures and information have been received since, but there are some still outstanding.

This year's plans are to complete the initial objective, therefore, where a picture is unavailable, the Veteran's name, service information and regiment's insignia, will be displayed on a banner. We have also received requests from the families of 5 local Surviving War Veterans. This will bring the total of Veteran Pole Banners to approximately 34, per Bill Roter.

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Therefore, the 2025 funding request is to cover the costs of the remaining veteran banners, mounting hardware costs, and the cost to rent a scissor lift for a day. As new hardware needs to be installed and approximately 34 banners installed, a lift will be required for the timely and safe installation by Parks and Recreation Staff.

Financial Implications:

Veteran Banners \$ 4,087.00 Hardware and Lift approx. \$ 1,200.00

Transfer from General Reserves approx. \$ 5,287.00 plus any applicable taxes.

Strategic and/or Other Plans:

Governance

- 1. Provide Quality Community Programs and Services.
- 2. Provide effective, clear and transparent Township Communication.

In Consultation With:

Bill Roter, Community Volunteer

Attachment:

None