



Committee Report

To: Warden Mitch Twolan
Members of the Transportation & Environmental Services
Committee

From: Miguel Pelletier
Director of Transportation & Environmental Services

Date: July 9, 2020

Re: Stewardship Grey Bruce Ontario Trillium Foundation Grow Grant
Application.

Staff Recommendation:

That the County of Bruce send a letter of support for the Stewardship Grey Bruce Ontario Trillium Foundation Grow Grant application for its "Soil and Water Stewardship Program".

Background:

The objective of the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Grow Grant is to support local community projects that are evidence-based and drive at achieving greater impact in their community. The Soil and Water Stewardship Program connects educational opportunities and project-based cost-share funding to attract farmers who usually do not participate in stewardship programming. It inspires them to adopt stewardship behaviours, i.e. recognize that short-term achievements can result in long-term stewardship outcomes. This program ultimately improves water quality, wetland coverage, soil health, and tree cover throughout Bruce and Grey counties, via the farmers' improved ability to complete such projects, receive education, build their social networks, and become environmental stewards. Its impact furthers as the program indirectly encourages grant recipients to innovate, display stewardship, and take on social media ambassador opportunities.

Attached is the letter of support for the Stewardship Grey Bruce Ontario Trillium Foundation Grow Grant Application.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Not applicable

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Goal #7. Stimulate and reward innovation and economic development

Element #D. Vocally support all industry in Bruce County

Element #E. Create a "Recognition Program" for innovation and new ideas

Element #G. Assignment to seek out like-minded partners for retail, agricultural, and industrial development.

Goal #8. Actively seek out a post-secondary campus for Bruce County

Element #B. Capitalize on knowledge/skill/experience of our residents.

Element #D. Incentives for agriculture, skilled trades, medical and health students.

Written by: Kevin Predon, RPF - Forestry Technician

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sandra Datars Bere". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sandra Datars Bere
Chief Administrative Officer