

Subject: Donation of Artwork

Department: Community Services

Division: CMS

Report #: CMS-2023-036

Meeting Date: 2023-11-13

Recommendations

That Report CMS-2023-036 Donation of Artwork be received;

And that the donation of an oil painting of Town Hall be accepted by Council as outlined in this Report;

And that the Honours Committee be directed to complete all steps required to accept the donation as outlined by the Town's Artworks Policy and as clarified within this Report;

And that the donated artwork be displayed at Town Hall (87 Broadway, Orangeville, ON) on the main level.

Background and Analysis

In July 2023, Kay MacGregor (through her son Andy MacGregor) contacted the Town of Orangeville to donate an oil painting created by a local artist. Ms. MacGregor is a long-time resident of Orangeville, having lived here for fifty-three (53) years and owning a business on Broadway for numerous years.

While in attendance at the Theatre Orangeville Victoria Christmas Gala in 2016, Ms. MacGregor bid on an oil painting by local artist Mark Grice. This painting was created in 2015 and is of Orangeville Town Hall (Attachment 1).

Ms. MacGregor would like to donate this painting to the Town of Orangeville and would like to see the artwork initially hung at Town Hall.

Artworks Policy

The Town's Artwork Policy outlines the procedures followed in receiving donations from individuals or organizations. The policy indicates that the Town's Honours Committee makes decisions related to the acceptance of donations, demonstration of ownership, completion of release forms, arrangement for costs associated with the transportation and mounting of a donation, and acknowledgement of the donor.

In accordance with the Artwork Policy, the original artist has provided authentication and demonstrated ownership as outlined in the email from Mark Grice (Attachment 1).

Pursuant to the Artwork Policy, the donor and the Town shall enter into a Release, which states, in part, that: "As Town property, the item can be stored, exhibited, disposed of or deaccessioned at the discretion of the Town." While the Town will make every reasonable effort to display the painting in accordance with the donor's wishes, the location of the painting will change from time to time, and may eventually be disposed of or deaccessioned.

Staff will work with Ms. MacGregor to receive the artwork and hang the painting on the main level at Town Hall (87 Broadway).

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal: Community Vitality

Objective: Vibrancy – Build a more inclusive community, and ensure citizen involvement

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Economic Development and Culture

Strategy: Further establish Orangeville's identity through the preservation and expansion of tourism, culture and heritage

Notice Provisions

N/A

Financial Impact

The original artwork is worth an estimated \$1,750.00. The Town's insurance costs will not increase as this artwork will be covered under the Town's blanket content/property insurance Policy.

Respectfully submitted

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Attachment(s): 1. Email from original artist and Image of Oiling Painting