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Corporation of the Township of Brock

Staff Report to the Mayor and Members of Council

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Position: Manager Facilities, Parks and Recreation

Title / Subject: Permission to Apply for McLeod Park Cenotaph Grant

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Date of Meeting: September 27, 2021

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1.0 Issue / Origin

The statue on the Cenotaph in McLeod Park is starting to deteriorate from weather and exposure to the elements. The barrel of the rifle has been broken off for the second time and staff were asked to obtain a quote for repairs.

2.0 Background

The cenotaph at McLeod Park has a statue that represents our soldiers that have served Canada in military operations. It is believed that an act of vandalism and deteriorating marble were the cause of the gun barrel to be broken. Staff were asked to source the cost of repairing the gun barrel to restore the statue to the original condition.

3.0 Analysis

The statue at McLeod Park is constructed from marble. Marble is a soft stone that does not weather well. Sanderson Monuments were contacted to give a quote for the repair. Repairing the statue requires it be removed and shipped to a site where the repair would be done. This is a labour intensive project and becomes more difficult when working with deteriorating marble. It was also conveyed to staff that since the marble on the original statue is so deteriorated, a repair will fail in time.

It was also discussed at the time that sourcing a new monument made from granite might be an option to consider. A new granite statue barring a natural disaster or vandalism, will last for generations to come.

4.0 Related Policies / Procedures

5.0 Financial / Budget Assessment

A quote was obtained from Sanderson Monuments to replace the statue and to fix the statue. The quote obtained to fix the existing statue is \$23,500 and to replace the statue is \$25,900 (plus HST). The Royal Canadian Legion is applying for a grant to fix or replace the statue. The amount of the grant will not exceed half of the projected cost of the project. The cost to the Township will be approximately \$13,000 (plus HST) based on the quotes given.

6.0 Climate Change Impacts

7.0 Communications

8.0 Conclusion

The existing statue is deteriorating quickly and needs to be fixed or replaced.

9.0 Recommendation

Staff recommend that the funds be allocated for the repair or replacement of the existing statue.