

**TOWN OF MINTO**

DATE: April 14, 2106
REPORT TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Annilene McRobb, Deputy Clerk
SUBJECT: 2016 Earth Day Clean-up Donation

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Promote urban forestry, low maintenance landscaping and park development to create more environmentally diverse green spaces including pursuing small plots/community gardens/remote plots in public space.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Environmental Leadership Program (CELP) is an enrichment program offered to 24 grade 10 students at Norwell DSS during the winter semester. Students attend school at a wilderness site that serves as their classroom. Students develop their leadership and advocacy skills through active participation in extended wilderness trips. Students also work closely within their community on significant community based environmental projects. Each year the students from CELP work with the Harriston Trail Association in planning and implementing an Earth Day clean up in Harriston. The Town of Minto Council has supported this program every year with the donation of BBQ supplies (hot dogs, buns, condiments and drinks etc) for the volunteers as well as tipping fees for garbage collected.

COMMENTS:

The Community Environmental Leadership Program is a great supporter and planner of Environmental Events in Minto. For such a small financial amount, we are supporting the clean-up of one of our communities. Staff and Council are encouraged to volunteer their time to participate in this community event. Earth Day Clean-up takes place on Saturday May 7, 2016 at 10 am at the IODE Park Gazebo Harriston. (see attached letter)

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Town donated supplies and tipping fees in 2015 for \$49.86 so the budget should not exceed \$100.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives the report dated April 14, 2015 from the Deputy Clerk regarding the 2016 Earth Day Clean-up Donation and approve the donation of BBQ supplies and tipping fees to the Community Environmental Leadership Program up to \$100.

Annilene McRobb
Deputy Clerk

April 13th, 2016

Mayor Bridge and Members of Council:

I am a member of the 2016 CELP program at Norwell District Secondary School and I am organizing the Harriston Earth Day Cleanup this year. On Saturday May 7th, we are asking members of the Minto Community to meet at the IODE Gazebo in Harriston at 10 am to clean up the trails and parks. This is a rain or shine event, and will help show community pride and keep our environment clean and healthy. Following the clean up, we host a free BBQ lunch for the volunteers as a thank you for their time and effort. We are a small group with limited resources and once again this year ask for your financial assistance in order to purchase the food as well as tipping fees for all garbage collected.

We invite you and your families to join us in showing your community support by participating in this important yearly event, many hands make light work for all. As a CELP student, my goal is to make a difference in my community and make a positive impact on our environment. Together as a community, we can make this one of the best Earth Days yet!

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Emma McRobb
CELP Student