

**TOWN OF MINTO****DATE:** April 27, 2107**REPORT TO:** Mayor and Council**FROM:** Annilene McRobb, Deputy Clerk**SUBJECT:** 2017 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 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 6, 2017 at 10 am at the IODE Park Gazebo Harriston. (see attached letter)

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Town donated supplies and tipping fees in 2016 for \$95.48 so the budget should not exceed \$100.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives the report dated April 27, 2017 from the Deputy Clerk regarding the 2017 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

Mayor Bridge and Members of Council:

Hello! I am Jill McComb, a student in Grade 10, attending Norwell and am a member of the 2017 CELP program. As part of the Harriston community, along with fellow Celpers, we are organizing the Harriston Earth Day Cleanup this year. On Saturday May 6th, we ask the community to join us in an annual Garbage Cleanup, first meeting at the IODE Gazebo in Harriston at 10 am. This is a great opportunity for Town of Minto residents who can help clean up the trails and parks. This is a rain or shine event, and will help show how everyone can pitch in a make a difference. A free BBQ lunch is provided after the cleanup, which we will manage, in order to thank our volunteers. We are a small group with few resources and once again this year ask for your financial assistance. In order to purchase the food for the BBQ, we need tipping fees for all garbage collected as well.

We encourage you and your families to join us in showing your support for the environment and by engaging in this important event. As they say, one person can make a difference but together we will change the world. On behalf of the CELPERs, our goal is to come together and make an effective difference for our community's environment. Together as Town of Minto, we can make this Earth Day amazing!

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Jill McComb

CELP Student