



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**INTERNAL MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Will Pearce, CAO **FILE:** 6460-10

**PC:** Kim Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure and Development **DATE:** March 18, 2021

**FROM:** Laurie Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability

**SUBJECT: DEMENTIA STRATEGIC FUND GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION**

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This memorandum is to request Council authorization for the City of Vernon to apply to the Dementia Strategic Fund on behalf of the Vernon Senior's Action Network (VSAN) to support the creation and implementation of the Age and Dementia Friendly Community Plan.

The Dementia Strategic Fund (DSF): Awareness Raising Initiatives aims to raise awareness of actions that can be taken to help prevent dementia, reduce dementia-related stigma, and encourage and support communities to become more dementia-inclusive. Applicants may request funding of up to \$375,000 for fiscal year 2022-2023 (beginning in September 2022) and up to \$341,000 for a following 12 months of funding (2023-2024). The maximum funding available over the two fiscal years is \$716,000.

Administration has been working with VSAN to develop proposed activities that could be undertaken should the grant application be successful. With this funding, VSAN would be interested in taking a community-centred approach to:

1. Strengthen local awareness of high quality dementia guidance and best practices for dementia-inclusive communities;
2. Undertake participatory mapping for dementia-inclusive corridors and create a Dementia-Friendly Community Plan for the City of Vernon; and
3. Identify dementia-friendly, supportive, on the ground projects such as wayfinding, emergency preparedness, sidewalk enhancements and park enhancements.

VSAN is still determining its ability to apply for this grant, but has requested Council's support as the grant application is due on April 8, 2022. Should the grant be submitted and successful, the City's role would be to support the work through participation in VSAN.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council authorize Administration to make an application to the Dementia Strategic Fund on behalf of the Vernon Senior's Action Network to support the creation and implementation of an Age and Dementia Friendly Community Plan, as described in the memorandum titled "Dementia Strategic Fund Grant Application Authorization" dated March 18, 2022 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Cordell", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Laurie Cordell  
Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability