



## REQUEST FOR DECISION

**MEETING DATE:** September 26, 2022

**TITLE:** Council Contingency Reallocation - McLaughlin/Nelson Homestead

**DIVISION:** Planning & Infrastructure

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### SUMMARY:

At the August 23, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, Council approved the motion “THAT an art mural be supported on the McLaughlin/Nelson Homestead on Nelson Drive at a cost of up to \$4,000 and that the funds be allocated from 2021 council contingency”.

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### PROPOSED MOTION:

THAT \$4,000 previously approved from Council Contingency for a mural project on the McLaughlin/Nelson Homestead be reallocated towards the purchase of entrance signage for the historical home located at 200 Nelson Drive.

### BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

In August 2021 a request was made to Council to fund a McLaughlin/Nelson Farm Tribute through mural art. The project was to be located on private land within the McLaughlin/Nelson Farmstead (198 Nelson Drive) and was to be commissioned by the family to complete. The request of Council was for support of the project through a matching grant or through full funding of the \$4,000 project. Council approved \$4,000 to complete the project.

Due to inclement weather throughout the fall of 2021, and the artist not being able to reschedule until the Spring of 2022, it was requested that the \$4,000 be carried over into 2022. This was approved by Council at the December 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

The pending sale of the centre parcel of land on the McLaughlin/Nelson Farmstead (198 Nelson Drive) has created uncertainty as to the ability to fulfill the mural project. The original request

to Council from the family has been modified to request a reallocation of the \$4,000 towards historical signage at both entrances to the Heritage Home, which is located at 200 Nelson Drive as well as 21 Meadowgrove Lane.

### **OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:**

The options for the historical signage at the Heritage Home are as follows:

- Reallocate the \$4,000 from council contingency to fully fund the sign initiative
- Not fund the initiative

### **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:**

The request has been submitted by the Nelson's to reallocate the funds towards a new project for entrance signage.

### **IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:**

The results of the Council decision this evening will be shared with the resident that has made the request.

### **IMPACTS:**

n/a

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial implications as this funding was previously approved through Council Contingency by Council for the murals, and Council approved the carry-forward of the funding to 2022.