

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Youth on Reconciliation – Imagine a Canada Mobile Exhibit Loan

Date Prepared: March 20, 2025

Report To: Regular Meeting of Council

Councillor and Role: Mayor Danny Breen, Governance & Strategic Priorities

Ward: Choose an item.

Decision/Direction Required:

That Council approve hosting the Legacy of Hope Foundation mobile exhibit Youth on Reconciliation – Imagine a Canada from April to August of 2025.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

The Legacy of Hope Foundation (LHF) is a national charitable arm of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation with a mission to educate Canadians about the Residential School System and its lasting impacts on generations of Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, and Métis) Peoples.

The LHF has created several stand-alone, mobile exhibitions that provide a unique, museum-like experience and include first-hand and Indigenous Testimonies of the Residential and Day School Systems. The exhibitions, which promote healing and encourage acts of Reconciliation, can be hosted in schools, offices, parliaments, galleries or in any public space.

The exhibit Youth on Reconciliation – Imagine a Canada explores the concept of Reconciliation through artistic expression and what it means to youth in Canada. The banners feature artwork and poems by winners of the first Imagine a Canada competition, announced in March of 2016. Imagine a Canada is an annual national art and essay competition sponsored by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation in collaboration with Rideau Hall. It asked young people to share their thoughts on what the future of Canada can look like through the lens of hope, respect, and Reconciliation.

The City would be hosting the exhibit from April to August of 2025. It could be displayed in Wyatt Hall (2nd floor of City Hall). A reception launching the exhibit is required as part of the loan agreement and exhibit-hosting duties.

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications: The exhibit itself is free to borrow, but the City will be responsible for shipping costs, which are estimated to be \$1500.00 plus tax including

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delivery and return. A reception launching the exhibit is expected to cost around \$3000.00.

2. Partners or Other Stakeholders: Legacy of Hope Foundation

3. Is this a New Plan or Strategy: No

If yes, are there recommendations or actions that require progress reporting?

If yes, how will progress be reported? (e.g.: through the strategic plan, through Cascade, annual update to Council, etc.)

4. Alignment with Strategic Directions:

A Connected City: Increase and improve opportunities for residents to connect with each other and the City.

A Connected City: Develop and deliver programs, services and public spaces that build safe, healthy and vibrant communities.

5. Alignment with Adopted Plans: N/A

6. Accessibility and Inclusion: N/A

7. Legal or Policy Implications: A loan agreement will be signed between the City and the Legacy of Hope Foundation.

8. Privacy Implications: N/A

9. Engagement and Communications Considerations: The exhibit would be advertised on social media and via email notification to subscribers.

10. Human Resource Implications: N/A

11. Procurement Implications: N/A

12. Information Technology Implications: N/A

13. Other Implications: N/A

Recommendation:

That Council approve hosting the Legacy of Hope Foundation mobile exhibit Youth on Reconciliation – Imagine a Canada, including holding a reception to launch the exhibit.

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