



Subject: Road Safety Committee Budget Adjustment

Report to: Thorold City Council

Recommendations

1. That funding for the Bike Rodeo events in the amount of \$2050 **BE APPROVED**.
2. That \$800 for this event **BE FUNDED** as a general budget overrun.
3. That \$450 for this event **BE FUNDED** from the 2024 budget.

Key Facts

- Requesting \$450 from the 2024 budget and \$800 from general budget overrun
- Ran a series of bike rodeos with Heart Niagara
- Outside sponsorship in the amount of \$4,007.90

Budgetary Status

- \$450 from the 2024 budget
- \$800 from a general budget overrun

Analysis

As part of the continuing effort of the road safety committee and in compliance with the bicycle-friendly community recommendations, the Road Safety Committee in association with Heart Niagara held Bike Rodeos at the following schools in Thorold;

1. Ontario Street
2. Richmond Street
3. Westmount
4. Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

The Bike Rodeo is a program run by Heart Niagara to introduce students to proper road safety and bicycle handling skills, with the goal of reducing bicycle/vehicle collisions.

In order to operate these events, the committee received sponsorship and in kind services in the amount of \$4,007.90 from other businesses and levels of government.

The event allowed 340 students to participate in the rodeo and some students received new cycling safety equipment.

In a previous memo to Council from the Road Safety Committee, the Committee requested and received approval to spend \$800 from a Committee budget of \$1250. The memo was incorrect in its request, the intent of the request was to gain approval for the original budgeted \$1250 plus an additional \$800.

Staff is recommending approval of the remaining \$450 from the original budget plus an additional \$800 general budget overrun to correct this error.

Impact on the Environment, Climate Change

This program uses recycled materials where possible and helps to reduce impacts on the environment by encouraging active transportation.

Alternatives Reviewed

Defer payment to the 2025 budget

Relationship to Strategic Plan

- Vibrant and Prosperous Community
 - Community Wellbeing

Other Pertinent Reports

1. Previous Memo from Road Safety Committee
2. Heart Niagara letter summarizing the program

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Appendices

Appendix 1 Previous Memo from Road Safety Committee

Appendix 2 Heart Niagara letter summarizing the program