



Date: May 30, 2023  
To: Council  
cc: Kim Ramsay, Alana Tapper  
From: Jo Swinemer  
Re: Sackville Rotary Club - Recycle your cycle

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The Rotary Club of Sackville and Area approached the Municipality, through Deputy Warden Perry, with a sponsorship letter for their bicycle program for youth. Staff followed up with the Rotary club and requested a new letter with East Hants (Mount Uniacke) specific information.

### Recycle Your Cycle Program

- Rotary Club of Sackville and Area partnered with other community organizations and Sportwheels (Sackville based family business) to collect second hand bicycles, trikes and scooters.
- Sportwheels fixes and cleans the bikes and replaces parts if needed.
- Refreshed bicycles are distributed to families in need (lower income, new Canadians, etc) each with a new helmet. Communities covered this year include Sackville, Mount Uniacke, Hammonds Plains, Fall River, Waverly, Bedford and Beavertown.
- Of the first 100 bicycles, 33 went to Mount Uniacke residents
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> the program partnered with Mount Uniacke Library for a local drop off site.
- Funding request is specifically to support the purchase of the new helmets to go with the bicycles.

### General Government Grant Consideration

Staff have reviewed the request and the program would fit within the General Government grant program should council wish to support the program. This project aligns with Strong Community element of the Municipal strategic plan.

- The 2023/24 budget included \$2000 for miscellaneous General Government Grant requests over and above those who receive support annually.
- So far this fiscal, only two miscellaneous Gen Govts have been approved
  - Safe Grad Aquatic Centre event rentals - \$1200
  - CEHPL Conference sponsorship - \$2000 (funds set aside in the year-end memo in BRNCHLIBY Cost Centre)
  - Gen Govt remaining misc funding \$800