

Monday, November 25, 2024

The Township of The Archipelago
9 James St,
Parry Sound, ON P2A 1T4

Re: West Parry Sound District Museum 2025 Contribution Request

Dear Reeve Liverance and Council:

The West Parry Sound District Museum (Museum) respectfully requests that the Township of The Archipelago contribute \$35,600 toward the continued operation of the Museum.

Please find enclosed within this package:

- 2023 Financial Statements
- 2024 YTD Annual Report
- A 5 year Business Plan.

Last year at our yearly deputation to your council, the Museum presented the idea of basing the annual request on a calculation of 0.04% of property tax. This idea was created on the premise of making our municipal requests more “fair”. The Museum chose 0.04% of municipal property tax because it wanted a simple and easy to understand calculation that would cover a skeletal operational budget. The resulting figure of this calculation would ensure operational funding spread evenly across the seven municipality’s that the West Parry Sound District Museum serves.

The Board of Director’s recognizes that no Municipality is obligated to contribute, and the Museum is grateful that The Archipelago recognizes the importance of preserving the History of the District and hopes that they will continue the generosity and understanding while we work to find buy in from other municipalities.

The Museum can confidently identify 81 objects that are geographically tied to The Archipelago, however, populating a report identifying all the material related a specific municipality has proven challenging. Particularly for the Township of The Archipelago, as many objects or photographs are geographically labeled using the name of the island or water body rather than the Township name.

The Management and Board of the West Parry Sound District Museum thank you for your generous contributions. We are available at any time to review the 2025 Budget and would welcome a discussion about our request.

Sincerely,

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