



Request to Oshawa City Council

September 11, 2023

Friends of Second Marsh (FSM) would like to thank the City of Oshawa for this year's contribution. Your continued foundational support is essential as we continue to seek funding from other sources.

FSM has submitted reports on our activities and performance measures as required by Section 5.2g of the service agreement dated May 26, 2023. Our Performance Measures for 2022 and the first five months of 2023 are presented at the end of this document.

The current Service Agreement expires December 31, 2023.

FSM has reviewed the current Service Agreement. To minimize the amount of time and effort required annually by City staff and FSM volunteer Board members, FSM proposes a service agreement for 5 years.

We propose continuing with the language of the existing Service Agreement with one adjustment in Section 5 – Roles and Responsibilities.

With respect to Item 5.1d, we propose two options:

1. Based on Oshawa's 2023 population of 174,349, the present amount of \$42,200 amounts to \$.242 per capita. Starting in 2024 and for the next 5 years, we propose that the City consider annual support of \$.25 per capita adjusted on an annual basis.
2. An alternate approach would be to link annual adjustments to the Consumer Price Index.

Appendix B in the existing agreement outlines FSM's 2023 Priorities, Work Plan and Budget Allocation. These will continue to be updated annually.

In recent years, the City's contribution has provided approximately 40% of our budget. As you are aware, FSM has diligently and successfully pursued external funding and we are committed to continuing to do so. With that in mind, on October 2, 2023 we will launch ***Love the Marsh!*** a 5-year fundraising campaign with a target of \$500,000.

FSM requests that City Council endorse a five-year service agreement in principle and refer this item to staff to modify the existing agreement in consultation with FSM to be brought back to council for approval.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support.

Peter S. Taylor

President

YEAR IN REVIEW Performance Measures

 - Orange bubble represents the Year 2022  - Pink bubble represents Year 2023 up until June

Board
Member
Volunteer
Hours

1,200

~900

Volunteer
Hours

1,456

236

Introduced
Plant
Species Mngt.
Actions

6

6

2023 Target: 3

Phragmites
Managed
(Hectares)

1.55

1.55

YEAR IN REVIEW Performance Measures

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Number
of Events

19

15

2023 Target: 18

Event
Participants

319

232

2023 Target: 250

Number of
Volunteers

118

137

2023 Target: 80

Community
Outreach
Events

6

5

2023 Target: 3