

*Request for Decision United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Council*

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Thursday, March 21, 2019				Report Date	Monday, March 11, 2019			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
<h2>Report #21/02/19/ - FCC AgriSpirit Fund</h2>									

**SUBJECT: FCC AgriSpirit Fund**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council pass resolution 21/03/19/002 authorizing staff to submit an application for funding of up to \$25,000 to the FCC AgriSpirit Fund for capital and sustainability upgrades.

**BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Farm Credit Canada (FCC) is accepting applications until March 29, 2019 for projects that enhance lives or contribute to sustainability in rural communities. Up to \$25,000 in funding is available for qualifying projects.

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, I met with our CBO and a local contractor to review current wishes of stakeholders and ratepayers.

The bathroom windows were installed in 2002 and are not recommended to be replaced. The seal is good, and they are not used often so are not subject to a lot of wear and tear. They are secure and working well. The kitchen window above the sink/dishwasher was replaced at the same time as the bathroom windows, but the seal has not kept as well as the bathroom windows, and there is a concern that these windows cannot be opened.

The windows in the library and utility room are recommended to be installed and replaced. It is recommended that insulation be added to the attic of the library – approximately one foot. To increase energy efficiency and reduce utility billing, it is recommended to upgrade lighting in the community centre and library to LED lighting. This is a good investment because it will decrease operating costs and pay for itself over time.

One major concern is the septic tile beds for the community centre. The tanks are solid and in good shape, but it is strongly recommended that the weeping beds be replaced.

I am awaiting estimates for costing on all the items above and if it is above the maximum funding limit, I will let Council know so that they can prioritize the recommended upgrades.

**Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:**

Limited financial impact on applying for funding, as it is only staff time to complete the application. If approved for funding, it will help offset the cost of capital repairs that will need to be included in future budgets.

## Others Consulted:

Darryl Francoeur, Mackey Construction  
Robert Labre, Chief Building Official

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Crystal Fischer,  
Interim Clerk