



Staff Report

Corporate & Financial Services

Report To: COW- Admin, Corp and Finance, SI, Comm. Services
Meeting Date: June 30, 2025
Report Number: CFS.25.040
Title: Staff Response on \$5.6M 2023 Legal Settlement
Prepared by: Monica Quinlan, Director of Corporate & Financial Services

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CFS.25.040, entitled "Staff Response on \$5.6M 2023 Legal Settlement" for information.

B. Overview

As part of Committee of the Whole on June 9, 2025 and upon review of the 2024 Financial Statements the following resolution was passed by members of Council:

"THAT, with respect to Staff Report [CFS.25.033, entitled "2024 Year-End Financial Review"](#), Council direct staff to report back to Council with the assignment of the \$5.6 million legal settlement that was assigned for 2023, to be provided to Council before the summer break."

It is important to note that the matter being presented involves a legal settlement that is governed by a confidentiality clause within the agreement. While Council has requested that the report be discussed in open session, the confidentiality terms of the settlement restrict the disclosure of specific details. As such, the presentation of this information will be limited to the necessary summary while ensuring compliance with the confidentiality provisions.

C. Background

The legal settlement, valued at \$5.5 million (noting that the total amount was \$5,510,599), was assigned to the 2023 fiscal year. A portion of the settlement, funded through the Development Charge Reserve Fund, is reflected in Note 20 of the [2023 Financial Statements](#). This note outlines the amount allocated from the Development Charge Reserve Fund as part of the settlement. The remainder of the settlement is recorded in the operating statement for the 2023 year-end results.

Council has requested that staff report on the status and allocation of these funds before the summer break. The report will provide a high-level summary of the financial impact of the settlement, as reflected in Note 20 and the operating statement. Due to the confidentiality agreement, further detailed disclosure is not possible.

D. Analysis

As requested by members of Council the \$5.5 million legal settlement is included in both Note 20 of the [2023 Financial Statements](#) as “Other Transfers” and under the category of Contracted Services within General Government as included in Note 19. As directed by the auditors in 2023 this was the appropriate method of allocation under the Public Sector Accounting Board standards.

E. Strategic Priorities

1. Communication and Engagement

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders

2. Organizational Excellence

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

F. Environmental Impacts

N/A

G. Financial Impacts

N/A

H. In Consultation With

Adam Smith, Interim CAO

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required.

However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Monica Quinlan, Director of Corporate & Financial Services directorcfs@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

1. [2023 Financial Statements](#)

Respectfully submitted,

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