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Admin./Finance 102/11 – Property Tax Rebate for Registered Charities – Motion required

Admin and Finance Memo

Date: November 30, 2011

Prepared for: Council of the Township of Wellesley

Prepared by: Theresa Bisch

RE: Property Tax Rebate for Registered Charities

Background / History:

Under Section 361(1) of the Ontario Municipal Act 2001 "Every municipality, other than a lower-tier municipality, shall have a tax rebate program for eligible charities for the purpose of giving them relief from taxes or amounts paid on account of taxes on eligible property they occupy." We have attached the Regional Municipality of Waterloo Finance Department Report No: F-01-069 that outlines this tax rebate and sets the rebate percentage at 50%. Section 361(6) states "Rebates under a program of a municipality under this section shall be given by the municipality unless the municipality is an upper-tier municipality, in which case the rebates shall be given by the lower-tier municipalities." Under Section IV (a) "one-half of the rebate is to be paid within 60 days of receipt of the application by the municipality; (b) the balance of the rebate is to be paid within 120 days of receipt of the application by the municipality."

Key Issues for Council Consideration:

May 1, 2008 the "Inspiring Minds Early Learning Centre" began leasing space at 1129 Henry St., Wellesley for the purpose of a "Not-for-profit" day care centre. We have reviewed their Agreement to Rent Commercial Premises, Financial Statements and approval from Canada Revenue Agency to qualify as a registered charity. During 2011, the owners of this property were billed a total of \$10,964.15 for property taxes and the tenant has shown proof of payment of this amount of taxes to the owner.

Financial Implications / Impacts:

The cost of the charitable rebate is split between a three levels of government. The apportionment is as follows:

Township of Wellesley	\$1,105.00
Region of Waterloo	\$2,022.45
Education	<u>\$2,354.63</u>
Total Rebate	\$5,482.09

Recommendations:

THAT the Council of the Township of Wellesley approve a total charitable rebate of property taxes for the 2011 taxation year in the amount of \$5,482.09 for the Inspiring Minds Early Learning Centre.

Approved by: Diane Lorbetski, Director of Administration & Finance – December 1, 2011

