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A one shot windfall for some groups

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lors, 18 organizations had made the final cut, each gaining windfalls of between \$500 and \$25,000.

Though councillors gave the plan the nod at the committee level, final approvals are still to come from both council and the Ontario Lottery Corporation.

Mr. Furik criticized the funding process, saying there was too little information and too little time to make educated decisions when the plan came to CSAC.

"The lack of confidence I had in that meeting is purely and simply because of the lack of background

material," he said.

"If you wanted to get consensus that evening, that's what you have in front of you but I thought it important to share these concerns."

Town clerk Helen Lisi reminded councillors that staff did the agonizing in the initial stage of the process.

"The staff committee did take a lot of time breaking it down into needs," she said. "We had a financial analysis done by a deputy treasurer that was fairly extensive."

Councillor Furik also questioned the logic of assigning a whopping \$25,000 — by far the largest single chunk of funding in the plan — to the Link Foundation.

Link helps promote active living for the physically disabled.

Mr. Furik noted that as a provincial agency, Link could potentially earn millions by applying for funding all across Ontario.

"What reassurance do we have that other communities aren't doing the same thing?" he asked. "It concerns me that there's no kind of control."

Ms Lisi defended the decision to award Link the

lucre, saying that the staff team was just following provincial guidelines.

"We have given them priority as dictated by the Province," she said.

Under the funding formula, Link held the best hand by being the only organization that had thrown a Monte Carlo fundraising event between January 1, 1996 and March 31, 1998, she said.

Mayor Gord Krantz attempted to calm the waters by acknowledging that criticism will likely come despite hard work by Town staff.

"I can only suspect that the staff committee went through a fair bit of soul-searching and a fair bit of debate," he said. "Maybe they'll take a fair amount of criticism for it, too."

Local big winners in the funding bid were Halton Helping Hands, the Milton Minor Hockey Association and the Milton District Hospital Auxiliary, each netting \$10,000.


The Milton Springers Gymnastics Club scored \$9,000, while the Halton's Children's Aid Society and the Halton Region Conservation Authority were each dealt about \$7,500. Crime Stopper's of Halton aimed the lowest and received it, taking away \$500.

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