

Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee 2024 Annual Presentation

Presented by: Ray Soetaert, Chair



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Gravel Extraction Mandate

Purpose

The Committee makes recommendations to Council on matters pertaining to Sand and Gravel Extraction and processing within Sturgeon County. The goal of the committee is to use the expertise of the public and industry to develop a valuable resource efficiently and in an environmentally responsible manner while minimizing the impact to community.

The committee provides a forum for examining timely issues and advising the Council regarding the Sand and Gravel Mandate, which supports the Sturgeon County vision.

Current Board Members

Public Members

- Raymond Soetaert- Chair
- Shannon Cory – Vice Chair
- Damian MacMillan
- Al Montpellier
- Diane Pysmeny

Councillor Members

- Councillor Jason Berry
- Councillor Matthew McLennan

Industry Members- (*Non-voting members*)

- Dale Soetaert – Heidelberg Materials
- Ebberly Bandara– Sureway/Yellowhead Aggregates
- Brock Helm– Lafarge

Gravel Extraction Initiatives

- Report on groundwater monitoring, traffic impact, or any other aspects as directed by Council.
- Monitor sand and gravel extraction activities, including but not limited to groundwater.
- Perform duties as described in the Community Grant Policy.
- Serve as a resource for public information and act as a liaison for public concerns or complaints
- Review applications and recommend the award for the Dale MacMillan Scholarships for Council's consideration.

Gravel Extraction Initiatives (cont'd)

- Respond to referrals on rezoning or development applications within the Gravel Extraction Area to provide technical information and/or comment from a public perspective.
- Provide comment to Council on provincial and municipal regulatory changes that affect gravel extraction activities
- Provide input on the County's advocacy plan to ensure a coordinated approach on issues and initiatives that can potentially affect resource extraction within the County.
- Provide input on Sturgeon County's digital customer service priorities and road map

2024 Accomplishments

Community Grant Program

- Reviewed applications from 5 not-for-profit organizations and provided recommendation to Council.

Community Aggregate Payment (CAP Levy)

- Provided recommendations for CAP levy allocation to be kept the same, and if changes are to be made, the Council would consider allocating less funds to general revenues and more to the needs of non-profit groups

Groundwater Monitoring

- HCL, the consultant, presented the annual groundwater monitoring report on October 21, 2024
- Provided feedback in a letter response to a resident inquiry on groundwater monitoring

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Dale MacMillan Scholarship

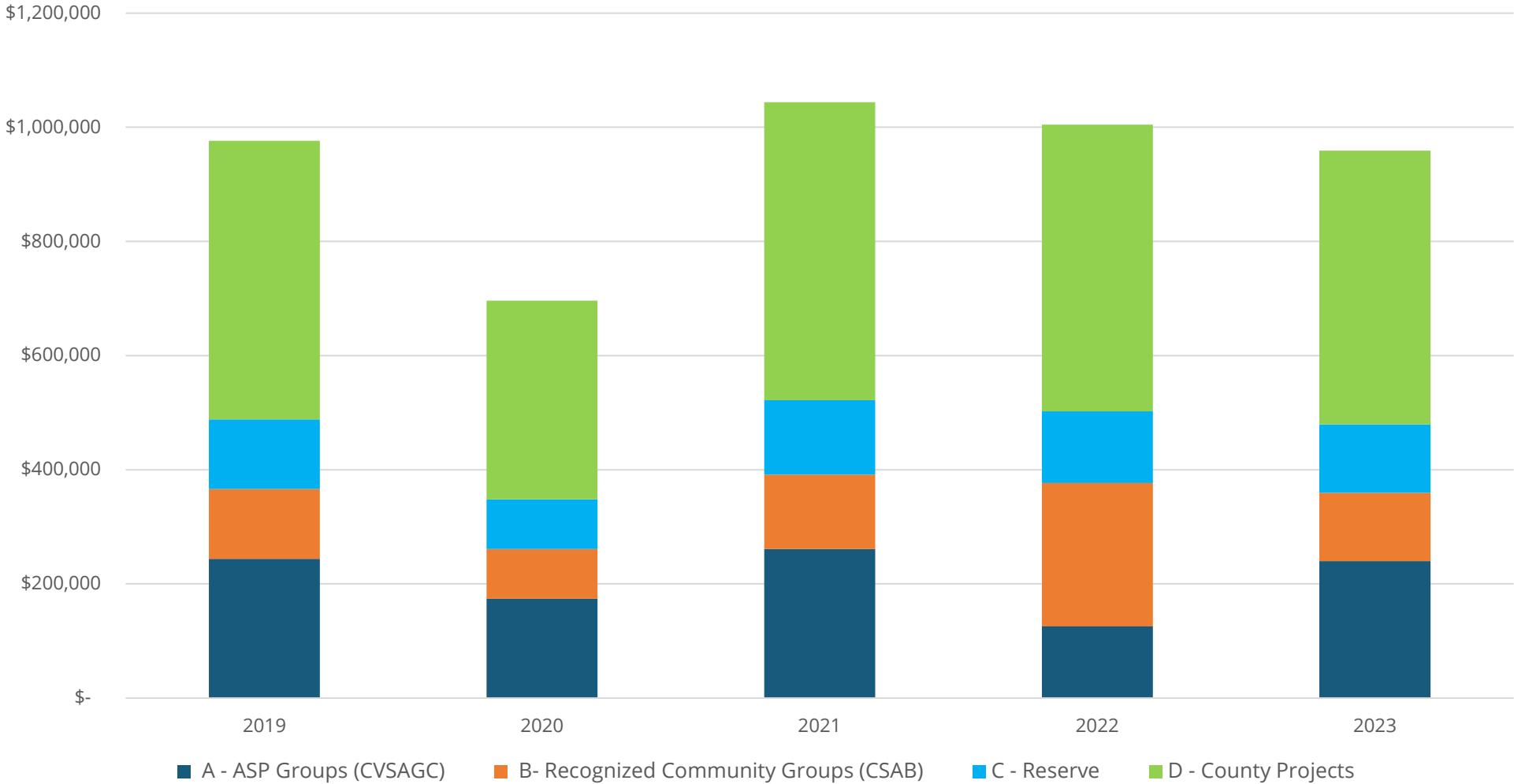
- Reviewed 14 scholarship applications
- Provided feedback and scoring on applications
- Attended the Council presentation of two - \$2,000 Scholarships
- For 2025, meet with the MacMillan family to consult on the inflationary increase to scholarship.

Digital Customer service priorities and roadmap

- Will provide input to the Digital Services Mandate at the November 18, 2024 meeting

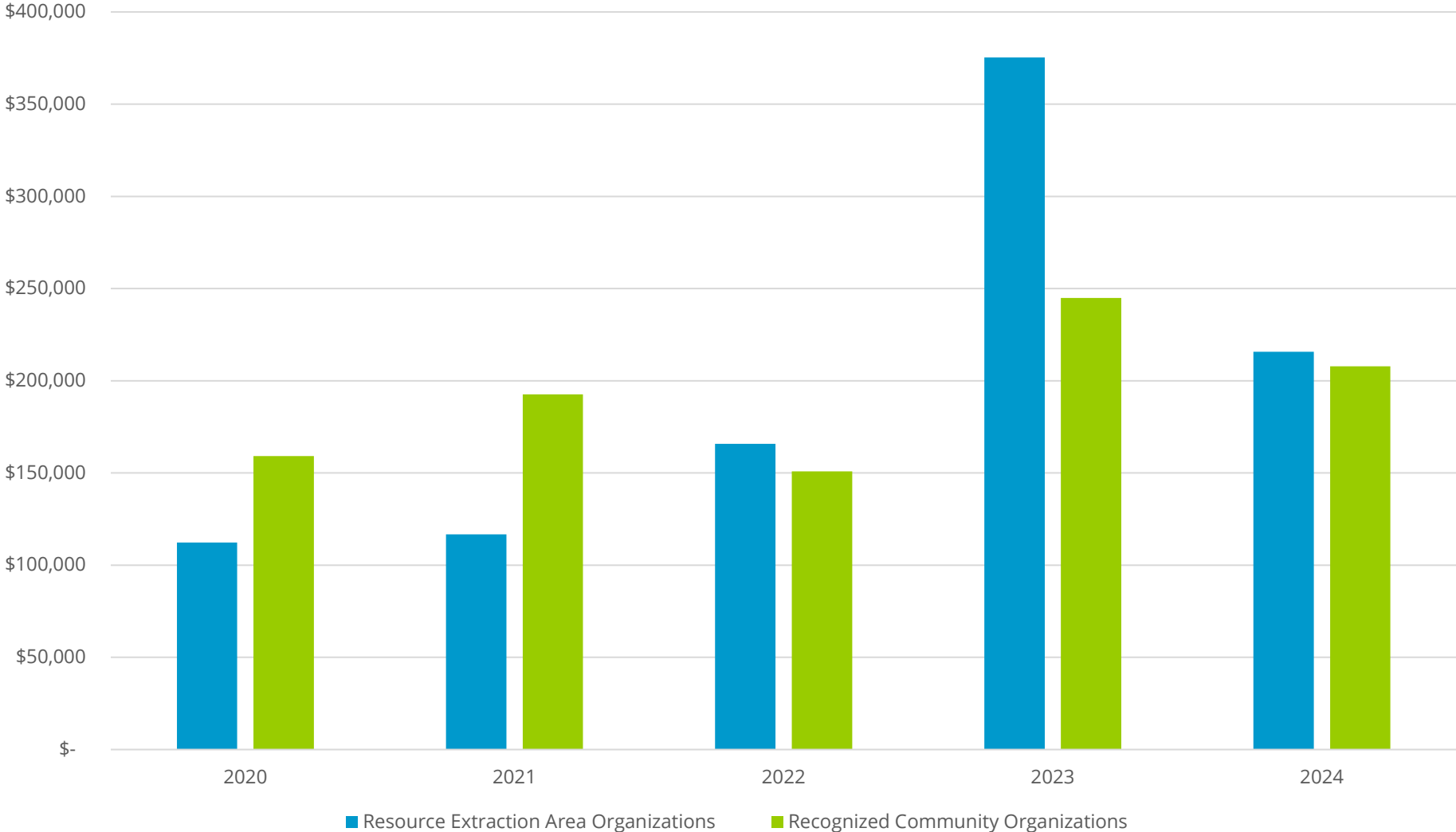
Cap Levy

CAP Levy Allocations



How Cap Levy Supports Community

Grant Funding Allocated by Year



Council Recommendations

1. The Committee recommends that the allocation of the CAP levy be kept the same and that if changes are to be made, the Council consider allocating less funds to general revenues and more to the needs of non-profit groups.
2. The Committee recommends that we be tasked with working with County Administration to develop a new map of areas most impacted by sand and gravel operations and that the Committee bring that map for Council consideration in February 2025.
3. The Committee recommends that Council consider plans for replacing the CAP levy with other revenue sources.

Council Recommendations

4. The Committee recommends that a brochure be created about the CAP levy associated grants that can be shared with residents of Sturgeon County.
5. The Committee recommends that Council give industry partners a vote on the Sand and Gravel Committee and that the Committee be tasked with determining how industry partners would be given the opportunity to vote while allowing the public and Council representatives to maintain a majority vote for recommendations made by the Committee.
6. Application evaluation process



Questions?

Thank you!