

COUNCIL NOTICE OF MOTION

Received Date	December 3, 2024
Meeting Date	December 9, 2024
Open or Closed	Open Session

Her Worship Mayor Donna Noade Reardon and Members of Common Council

SUBJECT : Creation of a Medial Education Scholarship in partnership with the New Brunswic as a catalyst for physician recruitment for our City of Saint John.

Primary Author	Input from Council	Input from Staff
Greg Norton	Deputy Mayor and select members of Common Council	Select Members of SLT

PROPOSED MOTION:

Direct the CAO to establish a Medical Education Scholarship in partnership with the New Brunswick Medical Educational Foundation Inc. starting in 2025

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The purpose of the annual Scholarship is to support the studies of two medical students in Saint John, New Brunswick resident who are pursuing studies leading to the degree of Medical Doctor. The recipients must agree to a one-year return of service in the City of Saint John, New Brunswick for each year of support they receive up to four years for the Medical Doctor program at an accredited Canadian university in New Brunswick. The amount of the scholarships will be \$5,000.00 each.

This Scholarships are provided through annual gift of \$10,400 by the City of Saint John to the New Brunswick Medical Education Foundation Inc. starting in 2025 for a four-year term. By establishing this scholarship the City of Saint John will:

- Attract the best medical students to study in Saint John, New Brunswick.
- Preserve students as practicing physicians in Saint John, New Brunswick after graduation.
- Engage New Brunswickers studying outside the province to return to practice medicine in Saint John, New Brunswick.
- Ensure medical students can qualify for renewable and non-renewable scholarships if they commit to returning to Saint John, New Brunswick.



Why should the City of Saint John support the NBMEDED? Supporting the NBMEDED would be beneficial for many reasons, including:

- Good philanthropy – supporting health care and doctor recruitment will resonate well with the general public.
- Strengthens the case for attracting talent into the profession. Lawyers, accountants, engineers and other professionals want to live in communities with high quality public services, particularly health care.
- A direct economic ROI – for many of these sectors, there are clearly identifiable economic reasons to support the NBMEDED's efforts to recruit and retain doctors in the province and our City of Saint John.

Lastly, it should be noted that, the investment, management, and expenditure of all funds shall be in accordance with the charity's policies and procedures. Discretion is given to the charity to adjust the amount of the scholarship, or the number of scholarships awarded based on supplemental contributions, market conditions, capital earnings and inflation.

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STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:



We value smart growth.

We enable population and business growth by focusing on key infrastructure investments, strategic communications, service delivery, and partnerships to achieve growth initiatives that align with the principles of smart growth in PlanSJ.

Outcomes & Objectives

Population Growth

- Grow our population at a rate of 2% annually by the end of Council's term.
- Develop, embrace, and reinforce a strong brand for Saint John.

Economic Growth

- Achieve 3% annual property tax base growth and on-going work to increase the target.
- Work with partners to create opportunities to attract and grow businesses including development of the waterfront and industrial parks.



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SERVICE AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES:

This scholarship fund being proposed exists with other municipal entities across the province and is growing, as recruitment & retention of highly skilled professionals continues to be increasingly competitive. The modest investment to establish such a fund is out-weighed by the investment in the health and prosperity of our Saint John community. It is my understanding that to stand this scholarship fund up will not have a negative bearing on our staff time and financial resources.

INPUT FROM OTHERS:

Consultation has been had with the NB Medial Educational Foundation Inc., members of the public, select City of Saint John leadership team and members of Common Council.

ATTACHMENTS

- Economic Impact Analysis: [dcb038_41191599d4454505b4e8f55c308ad66c.pdf](#)
- The NB Medial Education Foundation Inc.: <https://www.nbmeded.ca/about-us>