

**District 6290 Grants Committee**  
**District and Global Grants**  
**Approved November 13, 2018 for Rotary Years 2018-2019**

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**DG-16**

**Sault Ste. Marie, ON**

District Local Grant

Grant Title: Rotary Centennial Community Fountain/Splash Pad

Amount Awarded: \$2,500.00

To create an interactive land-based fountain/splash pad with water and lights, blending seamlessly with the natural environment. Children and adults alike can enjoy themselves among spectacular water changes creating a lively atmosphere in a unique water experience with great visual impact. It will energize and liven up a space acting as a focal point to the area.

The City of Sault Ste. Marie is desirous of replacing a fountain that was removed from the previous location in the St. Mary's River because it has received much criticism from its citizens for its removal. At the same time, the citizens have requested the establishment of remote splash pads within the city. At present, there is only one splash pad in the city and it is not yet completed, it will be completed in the spring of 2019 and is located in the eastern part of the city, an area with higher income families.

This planned new fountain will be placed on land and will incorporate a splash pad, thereby satisfying its citizens' request.

The Rotary Club of Sault St. Marie has partnered with the city on a number of other projects within the city over many years and this project will be another one. The fountain/splash pad will be located in the city's most central park along the St. Mary's River, Clergue Park. Rotary wishes to partner with the city on this project because the city's inner core has been identified as the worst city in the province of Ontario for inadequate recreational facilities. The club wishes to make the city's inner core more appealing and at the same time giving the children in the area: a place to eat in the summer months. Children in this area of the city are known to be of lower income families.