


Halifax Regional Council
May 17, 2005

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Bob Nauss, Acting Director, Recreation, Tourism, & Culture

DATE: May 9, 2005

SUBJECT: HRM Summer Festival Grant 2005 Selection

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

The Summer Festival Grant Committee, comprised of Councillor Streach, Councillor Kent and Councillor Johns, was appointed by Halifax Regional Council to review the Summer Festival Grant applications and select the Summer Festival 2005 recipients.

BACKGROUND

The Summer Festival Grant is a program which provides funding to enhance ongoing community events which take place during the summer season. Eligible applicants are limited to those communities that are geographically located within the former Halifax County municipal boundaries. A Summer Festival Grant Committee of Council was appointed to assist staff in undertaking an annual application process to select a host(s) community(ies) to receive funding. An application process has been developed and each year an advertisement is placed in both daily newspapers. The deadline for submissions in 2005 was March 31.

DISCUSSION

The Summer Festival Grant Committee met in April to review the nine applications that were received by HRM staff. Based on a review of the eligible applications received, the unanimous decision of the committee was to award grants to the following groups to be the organizers and host communities of Summer Festival 2005. Halifax County Exhibition in Middle Musquodoboit, the Eastern Passage Cow Bay Summer Carnival in Eastern Passage and Ocean Day in Eastern Passage. The organizing committees of each festival will be provided grants in the following amounts:

- Halifax County Exhibition - \$25,000
- Eastern Passage Cow Bay Summer Carnival - \$15,000
- Ocean Day - \$10,000

Administration of the Summer Festival grants is managed by an HRM Civic Events and Festivals Co-ordinator. These grants are housed in the approved Recreation, Tourism, and Culture 2005/06 operating budget.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The \$50,000 total for the Summer Festival Grant program is part of the approved RTC operating budget, cost centre C760.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating budget, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating Reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

None

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 - Previous Summer Festival Grant Recipients
Attachment #2 - Listing of 2005 applications received

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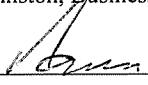
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ATTACHMENT #1

Summer Festival Grant

Previous Recipients

1996 - Clam Harbour

1997 - Hubbards

1998 - Waverley Gold Rush Days

1999 - Sackville Patriot Days

2000 - Various Events (Grant broken up this year.)

2001 - Middle Musquodoboit (Music at the X, Halifax County Exhibition)

2002 - Preston (Down Home Festival)

- Eastern Passage (Wildlife Festival)

2003 Stone Soup Festival, Moser River

2004 Festival of Bays, Terrence Bay

ATTACHMENT #2

Summer Festival Grant

2005 Applicants

- 1) The Halifax International Air Show
- 2) Utsav - A Festival of India
- 3) Oceans Day
- 4) Hubbards Rendezvous
- 5) Provincial Acadian Games
- 6) Summer Lake Festival
- 7) Eastern Passage Cow Bay Summer Carnival
- 8) Seaside Festival 2005
- 9) Ketch Harbour Regatta Committee
- 10) Halifax County Exhibition