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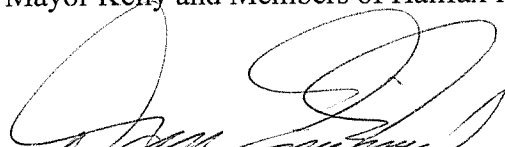


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Halifax Regional Council
February 13, 2007

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



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DATE: January 25th, 2007

SUBJECT: Cultural Capitals of Canada: 2010 application initiation

ORIGIN

March 28, 2006 Regional Council approves HRM Cultural Plan which includes policy direction to seek the Cultural Capital of Canada Designation

January 3rd, 2007 HRM Cultural Advisory Committee passes a motion to request Regional Council's approval to develop a proposal and application for the 2010 Cultural Capitals of Canada designation

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council approve the January 23rd 2007 report and recommendation of the HRM Cultural Advisory Committee to initiate the application process for the Canadian Heritage 2010 Cultural Capitals of Canada Designation

BACKGROUND

The HRM Cultural Plan was approved by Council in March 2006. The Plan establishes Policy support for HRM to seek the Cultural Capital of Canada designation through Canadian Heritage. The next opportunity for being awarded this designation is 2010. The deadline for submitting the application package is October 15th, 2007.

DISCUSSION

If HRM were awarded the Cultural Capital designation in 2010 a number of investment synergies would be aligned including the potential 2011 Canada Games, and 2014 Commonwealth Games. The award also presents a significant opportunity to leverage up to \$2 million dollars in federal funding to invest directly into Culture. This poses a timely and strategic opportunity to enhance HRM's overall investment in the ongoing implementation of the Cultural Plan

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funds for the development of the Cultural Capital of Canada application are budgeted under C730 6919. Should the Cultural Advisory Committee move forward with the development of a proposal for 2010 a detailed budget will be brought forward to Council for consideration and approval. If HRM is successful in receiving the Cultural Capital of Canada Award for 2010, funds for the planning and implementation of the program will be required and approved through the 2009 -2010 budget process.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

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

ALTERNATIVES

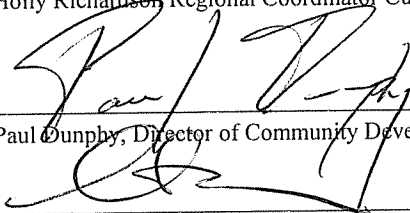
Council could choose to not develop a proposal for the 2010 Cultural Capitals of Canada designation
Council could choose to consider development of a Cultural Capitals of Canada Proposal for 2011 or a future year

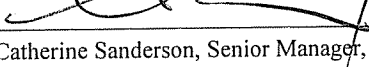
ATTACHMENTS

None

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