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**Item No. 11.1.3**

**Halifax Regional Council  
March 2, 2010**

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

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Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

**DATE:** February 19, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Correction to Special Events Grants Funding Requests - Second Intake  
Date Ending June 26, 2009

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**ORIGIN**

October 14, 2009 - Staff report tabled with Special Events Advisory Committee

November 17, 2009 - Committee report submitted to Regional Council for approval of the second Civic Event Grant Intake applications

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council amend Table 1 of the October 14, 2009 report (Attachment 1) to \$2,500 for the Lazerdaze St. Margaret's Bay event which was incorrectly cited as \$500.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

On November 17, 2009 a report from the Special Events Advisory Committee was tabled at Regional Council recommending proposed event grant allocations. The recommendation should have read \$2,500 to the Lazerdaze St. Margaret's Bay event, but was erroneously referenced as \$500. This came to staff's attention via the event organizer, who had received notification of the \$2,500 award. Upon investigation, staff found that a typographical error had been made in the original report tabled with the Special Events Advisory Committee.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

This discrepancy can be accommodated by Operating budget C760- Community/Civic Events.

**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**


Staff do not recommend an alternative given this was HRM's error.

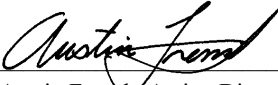
**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 - Table 1 of Staff Report

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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**Attachment 1 - Table 1 of Staff Report**

**B) Festival and Events**

The Festival and Event program is used to support annual local events in various categories defined by the Civic Events Policy. The total value of the grant program is \$35,000 (pending Provincial government approval). A remainder of \$5,700 exists after the award of the first grant intake data which closed October 27, 2009. A detailed evaluation and scoring sheet is not used to evaluate these applications given their scale and requests. General guidelines noted below were applied by staff and as such recommendations developed by staff.

**Festival & Events Granting Allocation Guidelines:**

- Returning events qualify for funding
- Competitions do not qualify for funding
- Local sport competitions do not qualify
- Fundraising dinners/functions of a similar nature are not eligible for funding
- Preference is not given to new events
- Community and corporate support for the event must be evident
- Events must be accessible to the general public
- Emphasis must be on low cost gate fees
- No limits on maximum grant awards

<b>TABLE 1: PROPOSED FUNDING FESTIVAL AND EVENTS GRANT PROGRAM (C760)</b>		
<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Lake and Shore Days	\$5,000	\$500
Great Community Festival	\$12,000	\$1,000
Lazerdaze St. Margaret's Bay	\$30,000	\$500
Summer Festival	\$9,000	\$500
Sheet Harbour Seaside Festival	\$7,500	\$500
Until the Violence Stops Festival	\$3,000	\$400
Fete de la Musique	\$1,500	\$400
Canada Day Idol Contest	\$1,000	\$400
Cain Family and Community Summer Festival	\$5,175	\$700
Beats in the Park	\$2,500	\$400
Peace Jam	\$2,350	\$400
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$5,700</b>