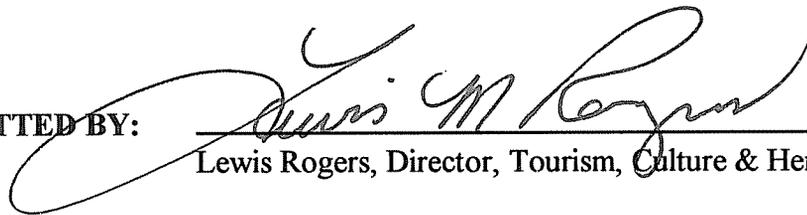




Halifax Regional Council
May 7, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Lewis Rogers, Director, Tourism, Culture & Heritage

DATE: May 1, 2002

SUBJECT: Summer Festival Grant 2002 Selections

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

The Summer Festival Grant Committee, comprised of Councillor Streach, Councillor Meade and Councillor Johns, was appointed by Halifax Regional Council to review the Summer Festival Grant applications and select **communities** to host Summer Festival 2002.

BACKGROUND

The Summer Festival Grant Committee was appointed to work with staff in order to undertake a yearly application process to select host communities. The selection process is limited to those communities that are geographically located within the former Halifax County Municipal boundaries. An application process was developed and an advertisement was placed in both newspapers requesting submissions by March 29, 2002. The Summer Festival Grant Committee met and reviewed the applications received. It was a unanimous decision by the committee that the Embracing the Ages Summertime Festival and the Nova Scotia Wildlife Festival 2002 events be the host events for HRM's Summer Festival this year.

February 16

Newspaper ads

March 29

Application Deadline

April 19 - April 23

Application Review Process by Committee

April 23

Selection of host communities

DISCUSSION

Based on the review of the eligible applications received, the Summer Festival Grant Committee has chosen the Embracing the Ages Summertime Festival Committee from the Preston area and the Nova Scotia Wildlife Festival 2002 Committee from the Eastern Passage area to be the organizers and host communities of Summer Festival 2002. Each organizing committee will be given a \$13,750.00 Summer Festival grant which will be managed by a Civic Events & Festivals Co-ordinator as part of the Tourism, Culture & Heritage 2002/03 operating budget. The Embracing the Ages Summertime Festival and the Nova Scotia Wildlife Festival 2002 events were chosen because of their excellent programs and because these areas of the former Halifax County have not received Summerfest funding in the past.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The Summer Festival Grant is part of the approved operating budget.

ALTERNATIVES

None

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 - Previous Summerfest Grant Recipients

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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