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Halifax Regional Council
May 20, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


Lewis Rogers, Director, Culture, Recreation, & Tourism

DATE: May 14, 2003

SUBJECT: HRM Summer Festival Grant 2003 Selection

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 a community to host Summer Festival 2003.

BACKGROUND

The Summer Festival Grant Committee was appointed to assist staff in undertaking an annual application process to select a host community. 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 28, 2003. The Summer Festival Grant Committee met and reviewed the applications. It was the unanimous decision of the committee that The Bay of Islands 'Stone Soup Festival' be host for HRM's Summer Festival this year.

DISCUSSION

Based on the review of the eligible applications received, the Summer Festival Grant Committee choose The Bay of Islands 'Stone Soup Festival' in Moser River to be the organizers and host community of Summer Festival 2003. The organizing committee will be given a \$27,500.00 Summer Festival grant which will be managed by a Civic Events & Festivals Co-ordinator as part of the Culture, Recreation, and Tourism 2003/04 operating budget. The The Bay of Islands 'Stone Soup Festival' event was chosen because of the its excellent program and because this area of the former Halifax County has not received Summer Festival funding in the past.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

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

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

None

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 - Previous Summer Festival Grant Recipients

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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)

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