



COMMUNITY SERVICES – RECREATION & CULTURE
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COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT – RECREATION & CULTURE 2014 - 14

TO: Committee of the Whole
SUBJECT: 2014 Kanata Festival
ORIGIN: Community Services – Recreation & Culture

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Community Services Report – Recreation & Culture 2014 - 14 dated April 16, 2014 regarding the 2014 Kanata Festival be received and the following recommendation(s) be adopted:

THAT Council grants permission for the following:

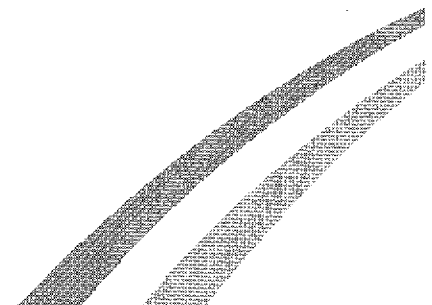
- a. Upper Canada Volunteer Regiment Organization (UCVRO) and Newmarket Scouts to camp overnight at Fairy Lake Park from Monday June 30th, to Tuesday, July 1st, 2014
- b. Upper Canada Volunteer Regiment Organization (UCVRO) to have an open campfire while camping overnight at Fairy Lake Park provided that approval is obtained from Central York Fire Services;
- c. Upper Canada Volunteer Regiment Organization (UCVRO) be allowed to discharge their firearms and cannon during the Kanata Festival on Tuesday, July 1st, 2014
- d. Fireworks be displayed on Tuesday, July 1st at George Richardson Park, and
- e. Central York Fire Services to be present at Fairy Lake Park on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 to help celebrate Canada Day.

COMMENTS

Celebrating Canada Day, the Kanata Festival is the Town's largest annual event drawing both young and old in rain or shine. Kanata is the true start of summer for our community as families, friends and neighbours come out to engage and enjoy all the festivities on offer from the Town and a multitude of community organizations including sports groups, service groups and other volunteers.

The Festival has enjoyed long-standing and strong partnerships with the Upper Canada Volunteer Regiment Organization (UCVRO), the Newmarket Scouts and Central York Fire Services. Their presence has become integral to the annual festivities.

The ultimate highlight of a marvelous day, the Canada Day Fireworks display has been held at George Richardson Park for many years and is a much-anticipated annual Town event that awes and delights all ages.



BUSINESS PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGES

Well Balanced

- Events that help shape identity and contribute to community spirit
- Striving for cultural harmony and ethnic diversity
- Heritage, arts and culture entertainment

CONSULTATION

Staff has and continues close contact with UCVRO, Newmarket Scouts and Central York Fire Services as to needs, requirements and conditions.

HUMAN RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable to this report

BUDGET IMPACT

Operating Budget (Current and Future)

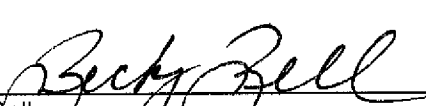
Council has previously approved the 2014 Kanata Festival budget.


Capital Budget

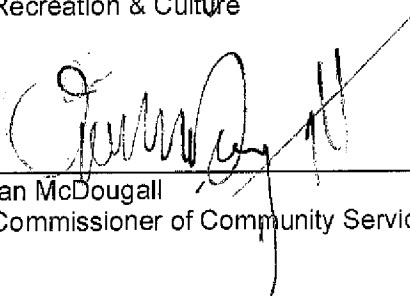
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