



STAFF REPORT

Title: Request for Funding - 2020 RCMP Regimental Ball

Meeting Date: April 14, 2020

Executive Summary:

The RCMP are requesting Council's consideration in waiving the costs to rent the Energy Centre for their 2020 Regimental Ball scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2020. The fees associated for this event total \$10,472.46 (rental contract attached with automatic 50% reduction in fees). Also attached is the Facility Booking Fee Reduction Request Form No. 71-00-02. All proceeds from the Regimental Ball will be donated to the Cold Lake Victim Services Unit. Based on the application and the policy, the RCMP have automatically received the 50% reduction in fees. This request for funding is in consideration of the residual fees of approximately \$5,237.00.

Background:

At their regular meeting held March 10, 2020, Council resolved to postpone this request to their April 14, 2020 regular meeting of Council.

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In 2012, Council resolved (Motion No. CM20121211.1024) to provide a full "venue" sponsorship in the amount of \$6,136.00 to the R.C.M.P.'s March 23, 2013 Regimental Ball.

In 2015, Council resolved (Motion No. CM20150113.1013) to support a "venue" sponsorship grant in the amount of \$3,038.00 to the RCMP for their Regimental Ball.

The \$10,472.46 rental cost includes the venue rental and the following extras fees:

- Bar
- Chair Covers**
- Chairs
- Dance Floor
- Event Staff



- Extended Facility Hours
- Floor Covering
- Full Stage
- Portable Sound System
- Privacy Curtain
- Tablecloths/Linens**

** It should be noted that a 50% reduction does not apply for the rental of chair covers and tablecloths/linens as these require dry cleaning services of which is sourced out.

Based on the application and the facility rent policy, the R.C.M.P. have received the ~50% reduction in fees (not for profit rate) automatically. This request for funding is in consideration of the residual fees of approximately \$5,237.00 inclusive of the chair covers and linens. Please note that the Cold Lake Victims Services Society is requesting for the waiving all fees.

It should be noted that Council recently decided to provide a facility credit that would essentially waive all ice fees for the Lakeland Jaguars Provincial Tournaments. The value of the credit was \$5,000 per provincial tournament for both the Bantam and Midget teams (Total \$10,000 for Cold Lake Minor Hockey Association).

In its' 2020 budget, Council budgeted \$193,000 for sponsoring functions, goodwill, and other activities for the staff and community. The following is a breakdown of the available funding:

- Council General - \$20,000
- Recreation Grants - \$20,000
- Culture Grants - \$20,000
- Community Capital Grants - \$50,000
- Community Events Sponsorship Grants - \$20,000
- Doctor Recruitment - \$18,000
- Special Events Incentives - \$30,000
- Gifts - \$15,000

All of the above highlighted programs are going to be recommended to Council by the Council Committees.

To date, for Councils' General Goodwill, without consideration of this request or any others on the April 14, 2020 agenda, \$2,600.00 (Cold Lake Alpine Ski Society \$2,500, CLMHA \$10,000 (event cancelled due to COVID-19), and Kids Time Out Play Program \$100) has formally been allocated from the 2020 Council Goodwill budget by motion of Council.



Alternatives:

Council may consider the following options:

- Approve or defeat a venue sponsorship grant in the amount of \$5,237.00 for the 2020 Cold Lake RCMP Regimental Ball being held at the Cold Lake Energy Centre on Saturday, September 26, 2020 with funds to come from Council Goodwill (1-2-11-20-229).
- Approve or defeat a venue sponsorship grant in the amount of \$3,924.00 for the Cold Lake RCMP - 2020 RCMP Regimental Ball being held at the Cold Lake Energy Centre on September 26, 2020 funded from Council Goodwill (excludes linen fees) with funds to come from Council Goodwill (1-2-11-20-229).
- Approve an alternate level of funding.
- That Council postpone the request for funding to the April 28, 2020 regular meeting of Council.

Recommended Action:

That Council approve a venue sponsorship grant in the amount of \$3,924.00 in the form of facility use credits at the Cold Lake Energy Centre for the 2020 Cold Lake RCMP Regimental Ball being held at the Cold Lake Energy Centre on Saturday, September 26, 2020 with funds to come from Council Goodwill (1-2-11-20-229).

Budget Implications (Yes or No):

Yes

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