



STAFF REPORT

Title: Gifts for the Municipality of Hugelsheim Germany

Meeting Date: January 24, 2023

Executive Summary:

The City of Cold Lake is preparing to send a delegation to Hugelsheim, Germany for their 2023 Spargel Festival scheduled for June 16, 17, and 18, 2023. It is traditional for the City to bring gifts to the community. These gifts have been typically items related to the community.

Based on the feedback from the previous Council delegation, there has been some aspirations of hosting a “Cold Lake/Canada Experience” inclusive of music, food, and beverages. This feedback has been further researched with Cold Lake Brewing and Distilling Co. and Hamel’s Meats. In order to crate and ship the products, a budget of \$15,000 would be appropriate for the order of magnitude costs.

Background:

Traditionally, the communities have exchanged gifts during these events. Previous gifts have included such things as local indigenous art work and crafts, indigenous clothing and collectables, trinkets, etc. Due to the sizable budget, Council’s Goodwill for Gifts (Budget - \$15,000) would be fully utilize for this initiative.

It should be noted that Council’s General Goodwill of \$20,000 would still be available for use. It is understood that Council will be considering allocations up to \$6,000 at it during its January 24, 2023 regular meeting.

Alternatives:

Council may consider the following options:

1. That Council pass a motion authorizing the City to purchase gifts for the 2023 Spargel Festival scheduled for June 16, 17, and 18, 2023 in Hugelsheim, Germany funded from Council’s Council Goodwill.
2. The Council refer the initiative to Council’s Corporate Priorities Committee for further discussion and recommendation.

Recommended Action:

That Council pass a motion authorizing the City to purchase gifts for the 2023 Spargel Festival scheduled for June 16, 17, and 18, 2023 in Hugelsheim, Germany funded from Council’s Council Goodwill (1-2-11-20-229).



Budget Implications (Yes or No):

Yes

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