



STAFF REPORT

Title: Request for Funding - Cold Lake First Nations (CLFN) First Annual Traditional Healing Pow Wow

Meeting Date: August 8, 2023

Executive Summary:

Administration has been in discussions with Cold Lake First Nations' representatives for rental of Imperial Oil Place Arena (IOP) August 26, 2023 for the First Annual Traditional Healing Pow Wow at Cold Lake Energy Centre for the past couple of months. During planning meetings, with administration and His Worship Mayor Copeland, it has been suggested that the City of Cold Lake will consider covering the costs for the facility rental to that Cold Lake First Nations may host the event in a premier facility. It is anticipated that the costs for facility rental will be in the order of magnitude of \$2,000.

Further to the above, Cold Lake First Nations is also requesting for financial sponsorship as they look to host a very special inaugural event. The letter dated July 19, 2023 has been attached for reference purposes. It would be anticipated that Council would want to combine in-kind contributions with any other sponsorship.

The Community Recreation, Art, Culture and Heritage grants were due August 3, 2023 however the Committee and subsequent decision of Council will not occur until after the event. With that, a request has been made that City Council make the decision directly so that there are no misunderstandings and recognition can be provided.

Background:

The First Annual Traditional Healing Pow Wow is the first held in the community since the 1960's and will be the first local pow wow for this generation

The event will feature several traditions including pipe ceremony, prayer, tribal dancing, drummers, song, a feast, and a vendor's market offering the sale of traditional foods and merchandise. Its purpose is to bring the community together to celebrate time-honored traditions, provide cultural awareness, and help educate future generations.

It is anticipated that the costs for facility rental will be in the order of magnitude of \$2,000. Further the sponsorship levels include the following:

- Platinum Eagle - \$20,000
- Gold Bear \$10,000
- Silver Wolf - \$5,000



- Bronze Buffalo - \$1,000

Administration is recommending at minimum in-kind support in the amount support not to exceed \$2,000. Funds would be allocated from Council Goodwill. There is only a few week prior to the event of which administration does not have an update on Cold Lake First Nations Fundraising.

Alternatives:

Council may consider the following options:

1. That Council provide financial support in the amount of \$2,000 for Cold Lake First Nations First Annual Traditional Healing Pow Wow being held on August 26, 2023 at the Cold Lake Energy Centre Imperial Oil Place Arena (IOP) to cover costs for the facility rentals.
2. That Council provide a Silver Wolf (or alternative sponsorship) in the amount of \$5,000 for Cold Lake First Nations First Annual Traditional Healing Pow Wow being held on August 26, 2023 at the Cold Lake Energy Centre Imperial Oil Place Arena (IOP).
3. Council may refer the request for funding to the Cold Lake Community Grant Advisory Committee for recommendation.

Recommended Action:

That Council provide in-kind support in the amount support not to exceed \$2,000 for Cold Lake First Nations (CLFN) First Annual Traditional Healing Pow Wow being held August 26, 2023, and that funds be allocated from Council Goodwill (1-2-11-20-229).

Budget Implications (Yes or No):

Yes

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