



STAFF REPORT

Title: Clayton Bellamy Foundation - February 25, 2025 Delegation

Meeting Date: March 11, 2025

Executive Summary:

The Clayton Bellamy Foundation attended Council's February 25, 2025 regular meeting of Council as a delegation.

Background:

February 25, 2025 Delegation

Mayor Copeland welcomed Clayton Bellamy with the Clayton Bellamy Foundation to the meeting at this time being 6:51 p.m.

Mr. Bellamy expressed gratitude for the City's of Cold Lake's contribution towards Strathcona Performing Arts Centre (The Bonnyville Theatre) and provided an update on the project. He noted the following:

- *Raised over 2 million dollars to date.*
- *Estimated cost is 2.7 million.*
- *Currently short approximately \$600,000.*
- *The building will be worth approximately 5.5 million when completed.*
- *The building is looking great. The last build meeting is scheduled for March 4, followed by inspections, and then the keys will be handed over:*
 - *the 340 seats are in;*
 - *floating dance floor is being installed;*
 - *lights are hung.*
- *Currently finalizing exterior signage.*
- *Working on educating the public so they know it's a regional theatre that is open to rent and use.*
- *Partnered with the Respect newspaper.*
- *Has reached out to the local dance groups to promote use of facility/floating dance floor.*
- *Hired a Cold Lake contractor, Steve Earl, as a sound engineer.*
- *First show is scheduled for March 21, 2025 - Mike Plume.*



- *Grand Opening is scheduled for April 25, 2025 (Mr. Bellamy invited Mayor and Council to attend).*
- *Received a Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant.*
- *There are major areas inside the facility that they are trying to sell signage/obtain sponsorship for to reduce the shortfall.*
- *Golf and Gala will go ahead again this year:*
 - *in the process of applying for the City of Cold Lake's Community Recreation, Art, Culture, and Heritage Investment Grant to offset gala costs.*
 - *Gala has raised nearly \$500,000 the past two (2) years.*
 - *Gala will continue to be the main annual fundraiser to pay for infrastructure and wages - hoping to have two (2) fulltime employees by this time next year.*
- *The Tsuut'ina Nation Grey Eagle Casino in Calgary sold the Foundation a sound system, valued at \$250,000+ new, for \$65,000. After the system was installed, the Foundation was able to sell the excess parts for \$80,000.*

There were no questions from Council.

Mayor Copeland thanked Mr. Bellamy for his delegation.

Mr. Bellamy left the meeting at this time being 6:59 p.m.

Alternatives:

Recommended Action:

That Council accept the Clayton Bellamy Foundation delegation presentation made at the February 25, 2025 regular meeting of Council as information.

Budget Implications (Yes or No):

No

Submitted by:

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