

Report to: General Committee Report Date: December 12, 2011

SUBJECT: Approval of First Quarter 2012 Celebrate Markham Grants

PREPARED BY: Andrea Tang, Manager, Financial Planning

RECOMMENDATION:

1) That the report entitled "Approval of First Quarter 2012 Celebrate Markham Grants" be received; and,

- 2) That the following Celebrate Markham events: Black History Month (\$2,000), Chinese New Year Celebration (\$10,000) and the Tony Roman Hockey Tournament (\$6,000) be approved; and,
- 3) That Staff to bring forward the remaining 2012 Celebrate Markham Grant requests at a future Budget Sub Committee meeting; and further,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

To obtain budget approval for the following three Celebrate Markham events totaling \$18,000: Black History Month (\$2,000), the Chinese New Year Celebration (\$10,000), and the Tony Roman Hockey Tournament (\$6,000).

BACKGROUND:

Celebrate Markham grants are funds provided to community groups/organizations that enhance and promote the Town, and are committed to building the community by celebrating the artistic and cultural uniqueness of Markham.

OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:

First Ouarter 2012 Grants Allocation

Black History Month, the Chinese New Year Celebration and the Tony Roman Hockey Tournament will all take place in the first quarter of 2012. Therefore, it is recommended that funding be allocated to these events: Black History Month (\$2,000), the Chinese New Year Celebration (\$10,000) and the Tony Roman Hockey Tournament (\$6,000).

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE:

The Celebrate Markham grant budget is \$250,000 and the total amount recommended for approval at this time is \$18,000 for the following events: Black History Month (\$2,000), the Chinese New Year Celebration (\$10,000) and the Tony Roman Hockey Tournament (\$6,000).

The remaining grant allocations of \$232,000 will be discussed and decided at a future Budget Sub-Committee meeting.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Not applicable

RECOMMENDED BY:

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