

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

SUBJECT: Approval of First Quarter 2012 Celebrate Markham Grants –

Markham Arts Council

PREPARED BY: Andrea Tang, Manager, Financial Planning

RECOMMENDATION:

1) That the report entitled "Approval of First Quarter 2012 Celebrate Markham Grants – Markham Arts Council" be received;

- 2) And that the following Celebrate Markham event: Markham Arts Council (\$19,000) be approved;
- 3) And 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 Celebrate Markham event: Markham Arts Council (\$19,000).

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:

Grants and fundraising are Markham Arts Council's main revenue sources to support their operations. It is recommended that the 2012 Celebrate Markham grant in the amount of \$19,000 be allocated to the Markham Arts Council in order to support their 2012 Operating Budget. This is in addition to the approval of the three events: Black History Month (\$2,000), Chinese New Year Celebration (\$10,000) and the Tony Roman Hockey Tournament (\$6,000).

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE: (external link)

The Celebrate Markham grant budget is \$250,000 and the amount recommended for approval at this time is \$19,000 for the Markham Arts Council in addition to the proposed grant allocations to the following events: Black History Month at \$2,000, Chinese New Year Celebration \$10,000 and Tony Roman Hockey Tournament \$6,000.

The remaining grant allocations of \$213,000 will be discussed and decided at a future Budget Sub Committee meeting.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Not applicable

RECOMMENDED

Kimberley Kitteringham, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Services