

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, August 7, 2009				Report Date	Wednesday, July 29, 2009			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction Only		Information Only		X	Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Canada Day Celebration Report #07/08/09/204									

SUBJECT: Report on Canada Day Celebrations and fireworks

Background/Executive Summary: Financial information on reverse side. Funding received from Heritage Canada \$1,000. Cost to municipality \$587.73. Did not receive materials that we ordered from Heritage Canada however; they sent a letter last week asking if we would still like them. I requested that they be sent for next year. We have a number of supplies left from this year as well.

There was a suggestion from some attendees that fireworks be added for next year. At last meeting it was suggested that a donation fund be organized to raise money for a fireworks display. Councillor Gibson suggested that his son Bill was licensed to supervise firework displays and would likely be willing to offer this service for free (or perhaps expenses).

Should Heritage Canada offer funding again, some of the costs of a fireworks display would likely be covered. 2010's budget could also provide additional funding for this event. There were offers of donations at the event, which were refused. People would likely be willing to donate towards the purchase of fireworks. The Town of Deep River has the Scouts collect at their fireworks display.

WHEREAS the first Canada Day Celebration was a success despite the weather and the event being held mid week;

AND WHEREAS this Celebration is the only direct municipally organized community event held in some time;

AND WHEREAS an important part of governance is creating and nurturing a sense of community;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria has since received requests for a fireworks display to be included for next year;

AND WHEREAS in the past fireworks were not considered because of the prohibitive costs and need to hire a licensed operator to produce the display;

AND WHEREAS Council agrees that fireworks would be an added draw to our celebration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria authorizes the creation and advertising of a fundraising drive for the purposes of obtaining fireworks for 2010's Canada Day Celebration.

Options/Discussion: Councillor Gibson to determine whether or not Bill would be willing to perform this service for us and what his requirements and expenses might be. Alternately, research the cost to hire an alternate.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: Would likely require an increase in funding from Council. Costs unknown at this time. Tracy to prepare a report for the meeting, I will forward asap.

Policy Impact: None

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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