

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, February 27, 2009				Report Date	Friday, February 20, 2009			
Decision Required	x	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction Only		Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Support for Canada Day Celebrations									

Subject: Proposal to support an application to the Department of Canadian Heritage to apply for funding for a municipal Canada Day celebration.

Recommendation: That Council agrees to support this project and to commit to funding a portion of the costs of the event.

WHEREAS the Federal Government is providing funds under the Celebrate Canada program for Canada Day celebrations;

AND WHEREAS the municipality has not directly sponsored any public celebrations or events in some time;

AND WHEREAS promoting our local area by celebrating Canada Day would encourage people to come together and give something visible and tangible back to the ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS most costs could be recovered through the Celebrate Canada program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria agrees to plan and apply to the Celebrate Canada program to offset the costs of a Canada Day celebration;

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk, Melinda Reith, be delegated the authority to apply to the Department of Canadian Heritage for funding under the Celebrate Canada Program;

AND FURTHER THAT this item is added to municipal budget deliberations for 2009 for municipal contributions.

Background/Executive Summary:

Funding is being provided by the Federal government for Celebrate Canada events. The municipality has not sponsored many events in recent history aside from providing venues free of charge to other groups. A municipally sponsored event might be well received by the ratepayers and seen as something tangible that they are being provided. (It might also be seen as a waste of ratepayers money.) Therefore it is important to plan a celebration that is simple, relatively inexpensive and straightforward. It would also be important to advertise the funding provided by the program.

The event can be as simple as a BBQ where the municipality provides hotdogs and pop. A local band could be hired to provide music. A horseshoe tournament (and/or other game/sport) could be arranged. The venue could be the hall or Old Mackey Park. We could have a flag raising ceremony – sing O Canada and hand out flags and pins. If the venue were the park people could enjoy the beach as well, have a small fishing derby.

The program funding will cover flags, supplies, decorations, and Canada Day cake. No other food products.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: Relatively low costs to municipality. Likely food items and prizes.

Policy Impact: None

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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