

Subject: 2018 Alberta Winter Games - Distribution of Remaining Cash Assets**APPROVALS:****Annette Antoniak**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

1. THAT \$60,000 from the Wood Buffalo Alberta Winter Games Society surplus funds be distributed to the Fort McMurray Catholic School District to assist in the development of sport and sport assets.
2. THAT \$60,000 from the Wood Buffalo Alberta Winter Games Society surplus funds be distributed to the Fort McMurray Public School Board District to assist in the development of sport and sport assets.
3. THAT \$60,000 from the Wood Buffalo Alberta Winter Games Society surplus funds be distributed to Keyano College – Syncrude Sport and Wellness Centre to assist in the development of sport and sport assets.
4. THAT the remaining surplus funds of approximately \$1,260,000 from the Wood Buffalo Alberta Winter Games Society be transferred to the Municipality's Emerging Issues Reserve to offset funding already earmarked for the 2022 Arctic Winter Games.
5. THAT the \$50,000 Grant provided by Alberta Sport Connection to the Alberta Winter Games Society be held in the Games Legacy Reserve Fund to earn interest and be distributed in accordance with the Games Legacy Grant Program.
6. THAT the Alberta Winter Games Host Society be dissolved subject to the Society having complied with all its statutory obligations and effecting transfer of its remaining assets.

Summary:

In order to fulfill its joint responsibilities for hosting the 2018 Alberta Winter Games (the "Games"), the Municipality and the 2018 Wood Buffalo Alberta Winter Games Society (the "Host Society"), need to allocate the Host Society's remaining assets and formally dissolve the Society. Municipal Administration has worked collaboratively with the Host

Society's Board of Directors to develop a proposal to allocate the Host Society's remaining assets; and in November 2018, the Board of Directors passed a director's resolution to allocate the remaining assets as per the recommendations contained in this report. Because the Host Society's Bylaws require that Council approve the distribution of property that exceeds \$5,000, a Council Resolution supporting the proposed allocation is required.

The overall intended use of the remaining cash assets is to support and facilitate the growth of sport, arts and culture in our community. The proposal includes distribution of these assets in varying degrees to Keyano College, the Public School Board, the Catholic School Board, the Municipality's Games Legacy Grant Fund and to financially support the Region's hosting of the 2022 Arctic Winter Games.

Background:

On August 29, 2016, the Host Society was incorporated in the province of Alberta for the purpose of staging the Games. Through February 16-19, 2018, the Host Society successfully staged the Games and welcomed thousands of visitors and athletes to our region, competing at 11 local venues in 22 different sporting events.

To support hosting the Games, the Municipality committed \$3,372,000 in grant funding and Alberta Sport Connection committed \$420,000, with \$50,000 of that funding to form a legacy piece, funding sport facilities, and equipment or programs as approved by Alberta Sport Connection.

After hosting the Games and meeting all its outstanding liabilities, the Host Society has an approximate cash surplus of \$1,490,000. These surplus funds can be attributed to the following:

1. The Host Society's success at staging and hosting the Games in a fiscally responsible manner;
2. The \$50,000 in funding from the Alberta Sport Connection intended to be a games legacy piece;
3. Approximately \$1,000,000 that was budgeted by the Host Society from the Municipality's grant funding for accommodations, but which remained unexpended as a result of collaboration with the school boards.

Financial/ Budgetary Implications:

1. All funds being allocated are currently held by the Host Society and the proposed allocation does not require any contributions to be made from municipal funds.
2. \$50,000 will be transferred by the Society to the Municipality's Games Legacy Reserve Fund to earn interest and be distributed in accordance with the Games

Legacy Grant Program.

3. \$1,260,000 will be transferred by the Society to the Municipality's Emerging Issues Reserve to offset the approximate \$4,000,000 in funding already earmarked by the Municipality for the purpose of hosting the 2022 Arctic Winter Games.

Rationale for Recommendations:

Municipal Administration believes the proposed allocation of funds achieves the goal of supporting and facilitating the growth of sport, and arts and culture in our community.

1. The Host Society felt it was important to allocate some of the surplus funds to the Fort McMurray Public School Board District, Fort McMurray Catholic School District and Keyano College in recognition of the cost savings that were realized as a result of these institutions choosing to participate in the staging of the Games and in particular, the Public School Board permitting athletes to be housed in their schools during the Games. This proposed allocation also recognizes the very important role that our publicly funded schools play in promoting youth sport and culture in our region.
2. The \$50,000 allocation from Alberta Sport Connection grant to the Games Legacy Reserve has received the necessary approval from Alberta Sport Connection.
3. Transferring the surplus of \$1,260,000 to the Municipality's Emerging Issues Reserve Fund to offset the \$4,000,000 in grant funding ear-marked by the Municipality to host the 2022 Arctic Winter Games, ensures that public funds are treated in a fiscally responsible manner and promotes a model of sustained funding that is more likely to result in the financial ability to host future events of this nature in the Region.

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government
Regional Economic Development

Attachments:

Economic Impact Summary Presentation