



Subject: 2016 Community Investment Program Funding Requests

APPROVALS:

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Administrative Recommendation(s):

THAT the presentations from the Regional Recreation Corporation, Fort McMurray Historical Society, Fort McMurray SPCA, Fort McMurray Tourism and Local H.E.R.O. Foundation be received as information, and the respective funding requests forwarded for consideration through the 2016 budget process.

Summary:

Through the Community Investment Program (CIP), the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo provides financial support to community groups and non-profit organizations that are responsible for the delivery of various recreational, cultural and social programs and services, the development and operation of community facilities, and the organization of major community events.

These five organizations have made requests for 2016 operating funding through the CIP. The requests have been reviewed and have been determined to meet the CIP eligibility requirements.

Background:

The Community Investment Program Policy (FIN-220) states that all grant applicants requesting funding in the amount of \$500,000 or more and new funding requests shall be required to make a presentation to Council. This gives the organizations applying for 2016 operating funding the opportunity to present to Council in an open forum. Five other applicants will present to Council on October 20, 2015.

Budget/Financial Implications:

	Capital	Operating	Total Budget
Fort McMurray Historical Society	-	700,000	700,000
Fort McMurray SPCA (new)	-	100,000	100,000
Fort McMurray Tourism	-	630,000	630,000
Local H.E.R.O. Foundation	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
Regional Recreation Corporation	3,407,000	17,347,198	20,754,198
Total	3,407,000	20,277,198	23,684,198

Rationale for Recommendation(s):

To provide Council the information, and to provide the opportunity to pose questions to the funded agencies related to their proposed 2016 operating budget requests.

Strategic Plan Linkages:

These applicants offer programs and services that can be linked to the following strategic goals:

Pillar 2 – Building Balanced Regional Services

Pillar 7 – Building for a Healthy and Active Lifestyle