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## **REGULAR COUNCIL**

TO:	Mayor & Council	DATE:	March 27, 2007
FROM:	General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture	FILE:	0330 - 01/C
SUBJECT:	Application for Heritage Canada Grant for Canada Day		

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department that Council authorize staff to submit a financial request to the Department of Canadian Heritage in relation to the "*Celebrate Canada*!" Program for Canada Day 2007 in Surrey.

# BACKGROUND

Heritage Canada provides grants for celebratory activities associated with Canada Day. In 2006, the City of Surrey was successful in obtaining a grant of \$5,000 to assist in offsetting the costs of hosting a large celebration at the Millenium Amphitheatre on July 1<sup>st</sup>. This wonderful family event featured exhibits, rides, entertainment throughout the day and evening, and culminated with a tremendous fireworks display.

#### DISCUSSION

The City is eligible for a grant of up to \$10,000 in 2007. However, in order to process the grant application, Heritage Canada requires a resolution from Council authorizing staff to submit a financial request together with all required background information.

## CONCLUSION

Surrey has become known for the fabulous Canada Day Celebrations hosted at the Millenium Amphitheatre. Last year, the event was financially supported with a \$5,000 grant from Heritage Canada.

It is recommended that Council authorize staff to submit a financial request to the Department of Canadian heritage in relation to the "Celebrate Canada!" Program for organizing activities to celebrate Canada Day 2007 in Surrey.

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