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TO: **Mayor & Council**

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FROM: **General Manager, Parks, Recreation
and Culture**

FILE: **0330-01**

SUBJECT: **Application for Heritage Canada Grant for 2010 Canada Day Event**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council endorse the submission of an application to the “Celebrate Canada!” Program that is administered by the Department of Canadian Heritage for financial assistance in the amount of \$15,000 for the City of Surrey’s 2010 Canada Day celebration event.

BACKGROUND

Heritage Canada provides grants for celebratory activities associated with Canada Day. In 2009, the City of Surrey was successful in obtaining a \$15,000 grant to assist in offsetting the costs of hosting a large celebration at the Millennium Amphitheatre on July 1st. This large-scale 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 \$15,000 in 2010. 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 Celebration hosted at the Millennium Amphitheatre. Last year, the event was financially supported with a \$15,000 grant from Heritage Canada and the City is eligible for the same level of funding for 2010.

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