

| Type of Decision                             |                          |                  |  |    |                 |                           |      |  |        |
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| Meeting Date                                 | Friday, January 12, 2012 |                  |  |    | Report Date     | Tuesday, January 10, 2012 |      |  |        |
| Decision Required                            | X                        | Yes              |  | No | Priority        | X                         | High |  | Low    |
| Direction                                    | x                        | Information Only |  |    | Type of Meeting | X                         | Open |  | Closed |
| REPORT TITLE                                 |                          |                  |  |    |                 |                           |      |  |        |
| Canada Day Celebration Report #12/01/12/1203 |                          |                  |  |    |                 |                           |      |  |        |

Subject: A proposal for budgeting funds and granting approval for a Canada Day Celebration at Old Mackey Park.

**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 through Heritage Canada for Canada Day celebrations which this municipality previously participated in;

**AND WHEREAS** some costs of an event could be recovered through the Celebrate Canada program and through donations;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to budget up to \$900 to host a Canada Day Celebration and apply to the Celebrate Canada program to offset the costs having the Clerk, Melinda Reith, being delegated the authority to apply to the Department of Canadian Heritage for funding under the Celebrate Canada Program;

**AND FURTHER THAT** volunteers be authorized to organize this event on behalf of Council and according to the guidelines of Heritage Canada's funding program.

**BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Funding is being provided once again by the Federal government for Celebrate Canada events. In 2009 and 2011 the municipality was successful in obtaining funding from Heritage Canada.

This year, the deadline for applications is January 16.

The funding of up to \$900 is similar to 2011's \$885 which included labour (Roads and Admin) and administrative costs such as posters, flyers, newsletters etc.

The municipality has sponsored this event in 2009 and 2011 and it has been very well received. Therefore it is important to plan a similar celebration that is simple, relatively inexpensive and straightforward. It would also be important (and is a requirement) to advertise the funding provided by the program as well as donations received.

The idea is to once again hold a Family centred event at Old Mackey Park. As in 2009 and 2011 the basis for the application is simple including a BBQ with the municipality providing food and a beverage.

A local band could be hired to provide music and/or equipment to host an open mike stage. A horseshoe tournament (and/or other game/sport) could be arranged. As per Heritage Canada guidelines, we would have a flag raising ceremony – sing O Canada and hand out flags and pins (which we have remaining from 2009 and 2011).

The program funding will cover entertainment flags, supplies, decorations, and Canada Day cake. Other food products would need to be donated or paid for by the municipality.

Melanie Theil, Cathy Balla-Boudreau, Marion Chaput and Linda Chartrand have each agreed to participate in planning and organizing once again this year.

Options/Considerations:

- ◆ To proceed with the application by committing funding for the event; or
- ◆ To withdraw the application.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: Council would be required to commit funding towards this project at this time to be formalized at budget time.

Policy Impact: None – as per policy.

Others Consulted: Melanie Theil, Cathy Balla-Boudreau, Marion Chaput and Linda Chartrand

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,

Municipal Clerk

*Melinda Reith*