AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR FINANCE / POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL, ON MONDAY, 2009-JUN-01, COMMENCING AT 4:30 P.M.

1.		THE REGULAR FINANCE / POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ING TO ORDER:				
2.	INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:					
3.	ADOP	TION OF AGENDA:				
4.	ADOP	TION OF MINUTES:				
	(a)	Minutes of the Regular Finance / Policy Committee of the Whole Meeting held in the Board Room, City Hall, on Monday, 2009-MAY-04 at 4:30 p.m.	Pg. 4-9			
5.	PRESI	ENTATIONS:				
6.	DELEC	GATIONS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS: (10 MINUTES)				
7.	COMM	IISSION REPORTS:				
	(a)	Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission – Travel Assistance Application from the Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association – Bantam Clippers	Pg. 10			
		Commission's Recommendation: That Council deny the application for a Travel Assistance Grant for the Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association (N.M.H.A.) - Bantam Clippers in the amount of \$1,000. The application does not meet all of the grant criteria.				
	(b)	Parks, Recreation And Culture Commission – Travel Assistance Application From The Wellington Secondary Band	Pg. 11			

<u>Commission's Recommendation:</u> That Council approve the application for a Travel Assistance Grant for the Wellington Secondary Band in the

amount of \$2,000. The application meets all of the grant criteria.

(c) Parks, Recreation And Culture Commission – 2009 Tournament and Festival Fund Grants

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<u>Commission's Recommendation:</u> That Council approve the following 2009 Tournament and Festival Grant requests:

ORGANIZATION	2008 Approved	2009 Requested	2009 Recommended
Canadian Body Painting Festival Society	\$1,800	\$6,250	\$500
Coaltown Festival Society *	n/a	\$2,500	\$2,000
Nanaimo Blues Society	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$750
Nanaimo Canada Day Committee	n/a	\$2,000	\$1,500
Nanaimo Disc Golf *	n/a	\$2,000	\$2,000
Nanaimo Riptides Swim Team	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$1,500
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Vancouver Island Exhibition Association – Teen Skateboard Competition *	n/a	\$5,050	\$1,500
Vancouver Island Red Raiders Football Society	n/a	Not noted	Denied
Vancouver Island Region Swimming Association	n/a	\$3,500	\$1,500
WPVL – Nanaimo Breakers *	\$900	\$3,000	\$1,500
Nanaimo Art Gallery Society – Festival of Banners	\$1,700	\$7,500	\$750
Nanaimo Child Development Centre Society	n/a	\$1,500	\$1,000
* new events			
TOTALS:		\$45,293.75	19,380.00

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

9. **STAFF REPORTS:** (blue)

CORPORATE SERVICES:

(a) Federal Infrastructure Grants

Report Pending

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

(b) Olympic Torch Relay Commemoration and Celebration Program

<u>Staff's Recommendation:</u> That Council authorize Elizabeth Williams, Manager, Sports Tourism & Outdoor Events, to submit a funding request on behalf of the City of Nanaimo, to the Department of Canadian Heritage Commemoration and Celebration Program for organizing activities to celebrate the passing of the 2010 Olympic Torch.

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- 10. **INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:**
- 11. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
- 12. NOTICE OF MOTION:
- 13. OTHER BUSINESS:
- 14. **DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** (10 MINUTES)
- 15. **QUESTION PERIOD:** (Agenda Items Only)
- 16. ADJOURNMENT:

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR FINANCE / POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL, ON MONDAY, 2009-MAY-04 COMMENCING AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor J. R. Ruttan, Chair

Members: Councillor W. L. Bestwick

Councillor W. J. Holdom Councillor D. K. Johnstone Councillor J. A. Kipp Councillor L. D. McNabb Councillor J. F. K. Pattje

Councillor L. J. Sherry Councillor M. W. Unger

Others: Mr. Rick Jeffrey, President & CEO, Coast Forest Products

Association

Staff: G. D. Berry, City Manager

A. C. Kenning, Deputy City Manager

D. W. Holmes, General Manager of Corporate Services E. C. Swabey, General Manager of Development Services

I. Howat, Director of Legislative Services

B. E. Clemens, Director of Finance

A. J. Tucker, Director of Planning and Development R. J. Harding, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture

J. E. Harrison, Manager of Legislative Services

W. Sims, Manager, Water Resources S. McMillan, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Finance / Policy Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m.

2. <u>INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:</u>

- (a) Add Item 6 (b) Delegations Pertaining to Agenda Items Mr. Fred Taylor, 204 Emery Way, Nanaimo, BC, regarding Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 4000.447
- (b) Correction to Agenda Item 10 (b) Information Only Items Add (Note: Staff will be providing a PowerPoint presentation.)
- (c) Correction to Agenda Item 10 (c) Information Only Items Delete (Note: Staff will be providing a PowerPoint presentation.)

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda, as amended, be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that Minutes of the Regular Finance / Policy Committee of the Whole Meeting held in the Board Room, City Hall on Monday, 2009-MAR-16 at 4:42 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Rick Jeffrey, President & CEO, Coast Forest Products Association provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Coastal Forest Industry.

6. DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS:

It was moved and seconded that the Delegations be permitted to address Council. The motion carried unanimously.

- (a) Delegations Pertaining to the 2009-2013 Financial Plan.
- (b) Mr. Fred Taylor, 204 Emery Way, Nanaimo, BC, questioned whether it was within the mandate of the Finance/Policy Committee of the Whole to receive information with regards to Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 4000.447.

7. COMMISSION REPORTS:

(a) License of Use Agreements 2009

It was moved and seconded that Council in accordance with the document "Guidelines Establishing Value of Rent for Lease or License Agreements to Non-Profit Societies", approve the following License of Use Agreements for a five-year (5) period at an annual rent of \$1.00 given that the services provided in these three licenses meet well with the stated guidelines.

Licensee	License Period	Admin Fee	Rent
Nanaimo Hornets Rugby-Football Club	2009-MAR-01 to 2014-FEB-28	\$125.00	\$1.00/year
Nanaimo & District Equestrian Association (NDEA) and Vancouver Island Exhibition Association (VIEX)	2009-MAR-01 to 2014-FEB-28	\$125.00	\$1.00/year

Douglas Island Garden Society	2009-APR-01 to	\$125.00	\$1.00/year
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The motion carried unanimously.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(a) Grants Advisory Committee – 2009 Grants Advisory Committee Recommendations

It was moved and seconded that Council:

- 1. award an Other Grant for 'in-kind' funding for rental subsidy to the following applicant:
 - · Nanaimo Dry Grad Society
- 2. award Security Check Grants to the following applicants:
 - McSeeds Society (SC-01)
 - Nanaimo Child Development Centre (SC-02)
- 3. award Permissive Tax Exemptions as follows:
 - That the Nanaimo Branch of the Red Cross Society (PTE-01) be placed on the 2009 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw for property it leases at 2-3, 2525 McCullough Road (05990.102) and that the Society receive a cash-in-lieu equivalent for its 2009 taxes, estimated at \$6,922.00
 - That Theatre One (PTE-03) be placed on the 2009 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw for property it leases from The City of Nanaimo at 4-150 Commercial Street (85616.004).
- 4. deny a Permissive Tax Exemption to Nanaimo & District Hospital Foundation (PTE-02) due to lack of demonstrated financial need.
- 5. deny a cash grant to the Nanaimo Dry Grad Society (OG-01) as it will be providing 'in-kind' funding for facility rental at Beban Park.

The motion carried unanimously.

(b) <u>Social Planning Advisory Committee – 2009 Community Service Grants</u>

It was moved and seconded that Council award the first round of Community Service Grants as follows:

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
AIDS Vancouver Island	To broaden their provision of emergency food vouchers	8,000	0

Central V.I. Multicultural Society	Healthfest 2009	3,000	1,000
Columbian Centre Society	Meeting increased operating expenses	5,500	0
Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	Kin Hut rentals & printing & distribution of newsletter	450	0
Food Link Nanaimo Society	To provide community education about local food sources	6,000	0
Haven Society	To put funds toward construction of new Community Services Building	10,000	0
Island Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre	Hearing Loss Resource Program	10,000	0
Mid Island Fibromyalgia Support Group	Start-up funds	1,000	0
Morrell Sanctuary Society	Develop other environmental education programs & modify existing programs	2,500	0
Nanaimo Child Development Centre	Support set-up of two portables to expand their service delivery	500	0
Nanaimo Citizen Advocacy Association	Operating costs to augment their existing programs	10,000	0
Nanaimo Community Gardens Society	Get Growing Gardens Program & Gleaning Program	6,000 4,000	4,000
Nanaimo Family Life Association	Start-up costs for Children & Families Counselling Program	1,500	1,000
Nanaimo Foodshare Society	Kids Get Cooking & Gardening Program	7,500	4,000
Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre	Father's Day in the Park Event	5,000	0
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Nanaimo Telephone Visiting Society	To maintain operations	10,000	1,500
Nanaimo Volunteer & Information Centre Society	Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon	2,500	O
Nanaimo Women's Resources Society	Putting 4 volunteers through the Food Safe Training & purchasing kitchen equipment	500	500
Neighbours of Nob Hill Society	Neighbourhood Family Soiree & purchase materials for art project	1,000	500
Start with Art Nanaimo	Help fund operating costs of community arts space	5,000	0
Total		99,950	12,500

The motion carried unanimously.

9. <u>STAFF REPORTS:</u>

CORPORATE SERVICES:

(a) Regional Growth Management Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1553.01, 2009

It was moved and seconded that Council waive the consent requirements under Section 801.4 of the *Local Government Act* by consenting to the adoption of "REGIONAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT SERVICE AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1553.01, 2009" and that the Regional District of Nanaimo be notified accordingly. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

(b) <u>Maffeo Sutton Park – Interim Parking Lot Expansion</u>

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the allocation of up to \$60,000 from the Parking Reserve fund for the expansion of the parking at Maffeo Sutton Park as part of the Phase 1 Spirit Square. The motion carried unanimously.

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10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:

- (a) Report from Mr. Bill Sims, Manager, Water Resources re: Prequalification of General Contractors for Extension Reservoir 8a.
- (b) Report from Mr. Dale Lindsay, Manager, Planning Division, re: ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT BYLAW 4000.447. Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation.
- (c) Report from Mr. Bruce Anderson, Manager of Community Planning, re: REOI (Request for Expression of Interest) Supportive Housing Project 445 Wesley Street.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:06 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

FROM: LARRY McNABB, CHAIR, PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION

RE: TRAVEL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FROM THE NANAIMO MINOR HOCKEY **ASSOCIATION - BANTAM CLIPPERS**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council deny the application for a Travel Assistance Grant for the Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association (N.M.H.A.) - Bantam Clippers in the amount of \$1,000.00. The application does not meet all of the grant criteria.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Nanaimo provides a contingency account for amateur sports and cultural groups and individuals to travel out of province to a Regional, National or International Championship. These funds are available to sports and cultural groups winning Provincial or Regional competitions and the current policy provides \$100 per person to a maximum of \$2,000 per application. Requests are considered on a first-come, first-served, basis as funds remain available.

On 2009-MAY-07, Staff reviewed a Travel Assistance Grant application from the N.M.H.A. Bantam Clippers, determined that the application did not meet all of the grant criteria, and recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission not approve the application in the amount of \$1,000.00.

At their meeting of 2009-MAY-27, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission passed a motion supporting the recommendation that Council not approve the application for a Travel Assistance Grant for the Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association (N.M.H.A.) - Bantam Clippers in the amount of \$1,000.00. Staff concur with the recommendation.

BACKGROUND:

Staff review all Travel Assistance Grant applications and forward the recommendation to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for approval. Staff determined that this application did not meet all of the grant criteria and recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission do not approve the application in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

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Larry McNabb, Chair

Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission

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REPORT TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

FROM: LARRY McNABB, CHAIR, PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION

RE: TRAVEL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FROM THE WELLINGTON SECONDARY BAND

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the application for a Travel Assistance Grant for the Wellington Secondary Band in the amount of \$2,000.00. The application meets all of the grant criteria.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Nanaimo provides a contingency account for amateur sports and cultural groups and individuals to travel out of province to a Regional, National or International Championship. These funds are available to sports and cultural groups winning Provincial or Regional competitions and the current policy provides \$100 per person to a maximum of \$2,000 per application. Requests are considered on a first-come, first-served, basis as funds remain available.

On 2009-MAY-07, Staff reviewed a Travel Assistance Grant application from the Wellington Secondary Band, determined that the application met all of the grant criteria and recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the application in the amount of \$2,000.00.

At their meeting of 2009-MAY-27, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission passed a motion supporting the recommendation that Council approve the application for a Travel Assistance Grant for the Wellington Secondary Band in the amount of \$2,000.00. Staff concur with the recommendation.

BACKGROUND:

Staff review all Travel Assistance Grant applications and forward the recommendation to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for approval. Staff determined that the application met all of the grant criteria and recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the application in the amount of \$2,000.00. The Wellington Secondary Band (28 members) will be representing Nanaimo at the MusicFest Canada – Canadian National Competition.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Malabo

Larry McNabb, Chair

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REPORT TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

FROM: LARRY McNABB, CHAIR, PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION

RE: 2009 TOURNAMENT AND FESTIVAL FUND GRANTS

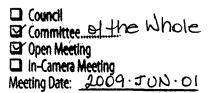
RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the following 2009 Tournament and Festival Grant requests:

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Teen Skateboard Competition *			
Vancouver Island Red Raiders Football	n/a	Not noted.	Denied.
Society			
Vancouver Island Region Swimming	n/a	\$3,500	\$1,500
Association			
WPVL – Nanaimo Breakers *	\$900	\$3,000	\$1,500
Nanaimo Art Gallery Society – Festival of	\$1,700	\$7,500	\$750
Banners			
Nanaimo Child Development Centre Society	n/a	\$1,500	\$1,000
* new events			
TOTALS:		\$45,293.75	19,380.00

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 2009 Parks, Recreation and Culture Budget includes funding to help the City host tournaments and festivals. This initiative is to encourage new, or to expand existing, tournaments and festivals held in Nanaimo. At their meeting of 2009-MAY-27, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission unanimously passed motions that Council approve the above recommendations totaling \$19,380.



Report to Mayor and Council – 2009 Tournament and Festival Fund Grants 2009-JUN-01 Page 2 of 2

BACKGROUND:

The Recreation Committee reviewed 17 submissions requesting funds from the Tournament and Festival Fund Grant program. Each application was reviewed individually and it was determined the Vancouver Island Red Raiders did not meet the grant qualifications and application criteria. All other submissions were determined to meet the criteria and were approved for amounts as noted.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry McNabb, Chair

Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission

Sam Malabb

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STAFF REPORT

REPORT TO: D.W. HOLMES, GENERAL MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES

FROM: S. D. GRAHAM, MANAGER OF FINANCIAL PLANNING

RE: FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAMS

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse Beban Park Complex Rehabilitation as the application to be submitted for the June 19, 2009 deadline for the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program (RInC).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

There is a June 19th deadline for applications for the Recreational infrastructure Program. Staff are recommending that Beban Park Complex Rehabilitation be chosen as the project to be applied for.

BACKGROUND:

In effort to stimulate the economy, the federal government has announced several large grant programs that are available to municipalities. There are currently three major programs that the City may be able to apply to for funding. Although the programs are targeted at different kinds of projects, they share several criteria:

- Projects must be complete by March 31, 2011.
- Projects must be incremental, i.e. they must accelerate the construction, or allow for a project that would not otherwise have been constructed.
- Projects that are construction-ready will get priority.
- Preference is given to projects that leverage funds from other agencies, e.g. the province, non-profits, etc.

Staff have reviewed the long term capital plan and have identified a number of projects that could possibly be considered for these programs.

1. Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program (RInC)

The purpose of this program is for the upgrade and expansion of recreational infrastructure. Funding for up to 33% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$1 million in grant funding is available. Eligible projects include: arenas; gymnasia; swimming pools; sports fields; tennis, basketball, volleyball or other sport-specific courts; parks, fitness trails and bike paths; and other multi-purpose physical recreation facilities. Although, on an exception basis, funding may be available for the construction of a completely new

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infrastructure asset, the funding is "normally for the rehabilitation or repair of recreational facilities, including new construction to expand or replace existing infrastructure assets".

The project that best fits within the program guidelines and time frame is the Beban Park Complex Rehabilitation. The components of this project include replacing the roof, installing an elevator in Frank Crane Arena, replacing the arena floor, exterior painting/upgrade, replacing exterior doors, upgrading interior lighting, expanding the gym area and improving handicapped accessibility. The total project is estimated to cost \$4 million. The City's share of funding for this project comes from a combination of general revenue and the Facility Development Fund.

2. Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF)

The purpose of this program is for the rehabilitation or construction of provincial, territorial, municipal and community infrastructure that can begin construction quickly and be complete by March 31, 2011. The Federal government will fund up to 33%, or up to 50% on an exception basis. BC has not yet signed an agreement with Canada, but it can be expected that this will occur and they will fund an additional 33%. The total federal contribution for Canada is \$4 billion. There is no known cap on individual grants. Eligible projects include: water and wastewater infrastructure; public transit infrastructure; local road infrastructure; disaster mitigation infrastructure; solid waste management infrastructure; brownfield redevelopment infrastructure, cultural infrastructure; airport infrastructure, port and cruise ship infrastructure; municipal buildings; and parks and trails.

Since application dates have not been set nor has an application process yet been published, staff will provide a recommendation on potential City projects once this information becomes available. Examples of projects staff are currently reviewing for possible eligibility for the program include;

- Road Rehabilitation Program a program to accelerate the repaving of several roads in Nanaimo including Comox/Terminal, Hammond Bay (McGirr-Sealand), Bowen (East Wellington-Meredith), Townsite (Bowen-Blue Girl Way), Metral (Aulds-Mostar) – (\$4M total project cost).
- Seismic upgrades to Annex (\$4.0M)
- Northfield-Dorman water main (\$1.1M).
- College Park pump station (water) (\$1.5M).
- South Nanaimo water main phase 1 & 2 (\$2.76M)
- E&N Trailway development south section (\$2M).
- #1 Reservoir storage improvements covering reservoir (\$7.2M).
- Bowen/Northfield intersection (\$4.4M).
- Police Services Building building expansion (\$8.5M).
- Public Works Building (\$11.8M).

3. Community Adjustment Fund (CAF)

The purpose of this program is to provide quick, short term economic stimulus and job creation. Application deadlines are June 5 and June 26, 2009. No more than 50% of the funding will be allocated to the first intake. Funding of up to 100% is available

depending on how projects meet the priorities established by the federal government. Funding allocated to BC is \$125.2 million with a maximum of \$20 million per project.

Priority will be given to projects that: are located in rural, single-industry towns (defined as greater than 10% of community's population working in one industry.); create jobs and maintain employment; can be started quickly (defined as 6 to 12 weeks); leverage funds from the province and other partners (preference will be given to projects that have 50% of greater leveraged funds from other sources); build on partnerships already in place and existing programs; and leave a legacy of longer-term economic benefits. Generally projects eligible for funding under other federal programs may not apply to this one. However eligibility is also defined by available intakes. Therefore, for example, since there are no current intakes for the Building Canada Fund, infrastructure projects may be available under this program.

Staff are not currently recommending a project under this program. Options will be evaluated over the next few weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

Manager of Financial Planning

General Manager, Corporate Services

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STAFF REPORT

REPORT TO: ANDY LAIDLAW, GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

FROM: RICHARD HARDING, DIRECTOR, PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

RE: OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY COMMEMORATION AND CELEBRATION PROGRAM

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorizes Elizabeth Williams, Manager, Marketing and Sport Tourism, to submit a funding request on behalf of the City of Nanaimo to the Department of Canadian Heritage Commemoration and Celebration Program for organizing activities to celebrate the passing of the 2010 Olympic Torch.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Nanaimo will be hosting the Olympic Torch Relay community celebrations on the evening of October 31, 2009. It is estimated that the event will cost approximately \$88,000 including cash and in-kind contributions.

In May 2009, the City was invited by the Department of Canadian Heritage to apply for a grant of up to \$15,000 from the Commemoration and Celebration Program to offset some of the costs of the celebrations.

BACKGROUND:

In July 2008, the City of Nanaimo accepted the VANOC's invitation for the City to be a host community for the Olympic Torch Relay celebrations. Nanaimo will be hosting the Olympic Torch Relay community celebrations on the evening of October 31, 2009.

The Department of Canadian Heritage Commemoration and Celebration Program is offering grants of up to \$15,000 to celebration communities to offset the costs of hosting community celebrations.

It is estimated that the event will cost \$88,000 including \$45,000 of cash contributions and \$43,000 of inkind contributions. The City has committed \$30,000 in its 2009-2013 Financial Plan towards the event. The City is eligible to apply for the maximum \$15,000 grant available from the Program to make up the remainder of the cash required.

One of the application requirements is a resolution by Council identifying a representative from the City as a signing authority for the event's activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Harding, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture

Andy Laidlaw, General Manager Community Services

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