
2006 BRIEFING NOTE - Juno Beach Centre Association Funding Request

Issue/Background:

At the October 26-31, 2005 meeting, Council adopted Motion J(28) “Juno Beach Memorial and the Juno Beach Centre Association” requesting Budget Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to recommend a source of funding for a \$25.0 thousand contribution to this initiative.

Key Points:

The Juno Beach Centre Association was established in Canada as a non-profit organization to provide support and raise funds for the Juno Beach Centre. A Board of Directors based in Burlington, Ontario runs the Association.

Opening on June 6, 2003, the Juno Beach Centre is a museum and cultural centre located in Courseulles-sur-Mer, France. The Centre presents the war effort made by all Canadians, civilian and military, both at home and on the various fronts during the Second World War, as well as the manifold faces of contemporary Canadian society.

The Minister of Canadian Heritage has designated the Juno Beach landing site as a site of national historic significance to Canada.

In 2003, the City of Toronto contributed \$30.0 thousand, to the Juno Beach Centre Association to cover operational costs of the Juno Beach Centre Association. This was funded as a Council donation, from year-end under expenditures in the Councillors’ 2003 budget.

Funding to cover the 2005 contribution request is not available within the 2005 Approved Operating Budget, as reported in the 3rd Quarter Operating Variance Report, the City was projecting a year-end over expenditure of \$2.8 million.

Funds were not planned and were not included in the 2006 Proposed Budget for this request. If Budget Advisory Committee wants to consider this item, it would need to be added to the 2006 Proposed Budget.

Conclusion:

There is no funding available within the 2005 Operating Budget. Also, there is no provision to fund this as a grant within the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget.

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