

Donation for Caribana

(City Council on November 23, 24 and 25, 1999, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The Policy and Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the following report (August 24, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer:

Purpose:

To inform Council of the donation of \$50,000.00 from the Royal Bank of Canada in support of the 1999 Caribana Festival and to request approval for the disbursement of these funds to the Caribbean Cultural Committee.

Funding Sources, Financial Implications, Impact Statement:

The Royal Bank has donated \$50,000.00 to the City as a part of its \$100,000.00 contribution in support of the 1999 Caribana Festival. These funds in an equivalent amount would be disbursed to the Caribbean Cultural Committee.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) a receipt which can be used for income tax purposes, be issued to the Royal Bank; and
- (2) a cheque for \$50,000.00 be issued to the Caribbean Cultural Committee in respect of the 1999 Caribana Festival.

Council Reference /Background/History:

At its meeting on April 16, 1998, City Council adopted, as amended, Report No. 5 of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, entitled "Financial Support of the Caribbean Cultural Committee and Caribana". This report included a report from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that if any donations to the City are received with the request that the City use such monies to support Caribana, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer must report to Council for instructions on the disbursement of such donations.

The Royal Bank announced that it would contribute \$100,000.00 towards the administrative costs of the Caribana Festival. An amount of \$50,000.00 has been designated by the Royal Bank as sponsorship for the Caribana Festival and has been forwarded to the Caribbean Cultural Committee. The remaining \$50,000.00 is a donation to the City for the Caribana Festival.

Under income tax legislation, authority to issue receipts for income tax purposes is granted to specific types of organizations including all Canadian municipalities. Authority to issue income tax receipts is not available to the Caribbean Cultural Committee. The \$50,000.00 donation to the City allows the City to issue a receipt for income tax purposes and provides Council with the opportunity to direct the funds for use by the Caribbean Cultural Committee for the 1999 Caribana Festival.

Conclusions:

The allocation of this donation to the Caribbean Cultural Committee reflects the City's continuing commitment to the 1999 Caribana Festival.

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Councillor Jack Layton, Don River, appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.