

Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87

Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting: Regular Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: September 12, 2023
Originated By: Al Hoggan, Chief Administrative Officer
Title: Council Invitations

PROPOSAL & BACKGROUND

Council received invitations to events as summarized below.

DISCUSSION ON BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES & OPTIONS

Invitations to No-Charge Events

1. Bonnyville Friendship Centre Sisters in Spirit Vigil – October 4, 2023 (**Appendix A**)
The Bonnyville Friendship Centre has invited the Reeve and Council to attend their 6th Annual Sisters in Spirit Vigil at the Bonnyville Centennial Centre Field House on October 4, 2023, and have requested that the Reeve provide opening remarks, if possible. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., buffet dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. and ceremony will follow after dinner.

Invitations to Charged Events:

1. Bonnyville and District SPCA Raise the Woof Comedy Night – September 23, 2023 (**Appendix B**)
The Bonnyville and District SPCA is hosting a Comedy Night called “Raise the Woof” on September 23, 2023. This is one of the SPCA’s biggest fundraiser’s of the year with the funds raised used to keep the shelter operational. The doors open at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the show starting at 7:00 p.m. Individual tickets are available for \$60 each or a table of 8 can be purchased for \$480.
2. Northeast Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference – October 20, 2023 (**Appendix C**)
The Northeast Regional Agricultural Service Board has invited the Reeve and Council to attend their Conference on October 20, 2023 at Metis Crossing in Smoky Lake County on October 20, 2023. Coffee and Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. and costs \$120 per person. A draft agenda has been provided for reference.
3. Cold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Awards – October 20, 2023 (**Appendix D**)
The Cold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce has invited the Reeve and Council to attend their Business of the Year Awards on October 20, 2023. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. and tickets are available at a cost of \$110 per person.
4. Bonnyville Friendship Centre Masquerade Ball and Fundraising Gala – October 27, 2023 (**Appendix E**)
The Bonnyville Friendship Centre has invited the Reeve and Council to attend their Masquerade Ball and Fundraising Gala for the Bonnyville Food Bank on October 27, 2023, and have requested that the Reeve provide opening remarks, if possible. Tickets include dinner, entertainment, and silent auction. Administration has confirmed that the cost for a table (8 attendees) is \$350. Alternatively, individual tickets are available at a cost of \$50 per individual.

REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A

REFERENCE TO PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL LEGISLATION

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING

Costs for attending events and recommended sources of funding are as follows:

- Bonnyville and District SPCA Raise the Woof Comedy Night: \$60 per person, or \$480 for a table of 8, with funding from the *Council Grants to Individuals and Non-Government Organizations budget*.
- Northeast Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference: \$120 per registrant with funding from each member of Council's respective *2023 Ward Conference Registration Fees budget*.
- Cold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Awards: \$110 per person with funding from the *Council Grants to Individuals and Non-Government Organizations budget*.
- Bonnyville Friendship Centre Masquerade Ball and Fundraising Gala: \$50 per person, or \$350 for a table of 8, with funding from the *Council Grants to Individuals and Non-Government Organizations budget*.

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

N/A

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDED ACTION

At Council's discretion.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. THAT Council approves attendance to community events as follows:
 - the Bonnyville Friendship Centre Sisters in Spirit Vigil to be held October 4, 2023; [and/or]
 - ___ ticket(s) / ___ table(s) for the Bonnyville and District SPCA Raise the Woof Comedy Night to be held September 23, 2023 at a cost of \$60 per ticket / \$480 per table of 8, to be funded from the 2023 Council Grants to Individuals and Non-Government Organizations budget; [and/or]
 - the Northeast Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference to be held October 20, 2023 at \$120 per person, to be funded from each member of Council's respective 2023 Ward Conference Registration Fees budget; [and/or]
 - ___ tickets for the Cold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Awards to be held October 20, 2023 at a cost of \$110 per ticket to be funded from the 2023 Council Grants to Individuals and Non-Government Organizations budget; [and/or]
 - ___ ticket(s) / ___ table(s) for the Bonnyville Friendship Centre Masquerade Ball and Fundraising Gala event to be held October 27, 2023 at a cost of \$50 per ticket / \$350 per table of 8, to be funded from the 2023 Council Grants to Individuals and Non-Government Organizations budget.
2. THAT Council directs Administration to bring back additional information regarding the invitation from _____ for the _(event)_ to a future meeting of Council, as discussed.
3. THAT Council accepts the September 12, 2023 Council Invitations report as information.

Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	
Final Approval Date:	Sep 6, 2023

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Stephanie Severin