

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Request for Donation – Canadian Federation of Students – Consent Forum

Date Prepared: 2017/10/12

Report To: Mayor and Council

Councillor and Role: N/A

Ward: N/A

Decision/Direction Required: Seeking direction from Council regarding a request for financial support from the Canadian Federation of Students towards a Consent Forum being held in St. John's on November 20 and 21.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

- The Canadian Federation of Students submitted a request to the City seeking financial support for the Consent Culture Forum taking place on October 20 and 21 at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications

N/A

2. Partners or Other Stakeholders

Canadian Federation of Students

3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plan

- A City for All Seasons
- A Culture of Cooperation
- Effective Organization
- Fiscally Responsible
- Neighbourhoods Build our City
- Responsive and Progressive

4. Legal or Policy Implications

N/A

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5. Engagement and Communications Considerations

N/A

6. Human Resource Implications

N/A

7. Procurement Implications

N/A

8. Information Technology Implications

N/A

9. Other Implications

N/A

Recommendation: It is recommended that the request by the Canadian Federation of Students be declined as it does not meet the criteria of Policy: 04-09-02 – Financial Support for Meetings and Conventions.

Prepared by/Signature: Elaine Henley, City Clerk

Approved by/Date/Signature: Kevin Breen, City Manager

Attachments: Submission from Canadian Federation of Students
Policy: 04-09-02 – Financial Support for Meetings and Conventions



To: Finance Committee, City of St. John's

Re: Consent Culture Forum
October 20th and 21st, 2017
Memorial University of Newfoundland

Good afternoon,

I am writing on behalf of the organizing committee for the Consent Culture Forum taking place on October 20th and 21st at Memorial University of Newfoundland St. John's campus. This event is the first to take place in the province and will facilitate spaces, workshops, and panels to enrich participants understanding of consent culture.

Building a consent culture is the aspiring alternative to rape culture. It is a culture in which giving and receiving consent is normalized and practiced universally. Consent culture is one in which prevailing narratives of sexual activity, interpersonal relationships, and bodily autonomy are centered on mutual consent. The fight to end sexualized violence is central to working towards consent culture; however, consent culture is more than just the absence of rape culture. It represents a fundamental re-imagining of current cultural norms and narratives.

A forum of this importance and magnitude depends on organizers, volunteers, presenters, panelists, and community partners. Furthermore, the success of the Consent Culture Forum will also rely upon donations from organizations and municipalities like the City of St. John's, who share our dedication in dismantling rape culture in Newfoundland and Labrador. Your support is essential in helping us with the considerable cost of travel and accommodation for participants and speakers.

I would like to thank you for consideration in supporting the Consent Culture Forum. We believe that through the solidarity of committed groups Newfoundland and Labrador can be a province that is a beacon for consent culture.

Attached is an approximate budget and suggested donations based on these estimates.

Kindest regards,

Sofia Descalzi
Chairperson, Canadian Federation of Students – Newfoundland and Labrador

Approximate Budget

Travel for speakers

Flights: 956.10

Taxis: 80.00

Accommodation for speakers

Hotel (141.00 per night/ per person): 564.00 (taxes not included)

Per diem: 160.00

Travel for students outside the Avalon

Travel subsidy: .36 cent/ km

Accommodation for students outside the Avalon

Hotel (141.00 per night/ double occupancy): 2, 820.00

Food

Supper on Friday for all participants: 550.00 (excluding taxes)

Breakfast on Saturday for all participants: 250.00 (excluding taxes)

Lunch on Saturday for all participants: 400.00 (excluding taxes)

Materials

Binders for participants: 200.00

Printing materials for binders: 150.00

Total budget without all taxes and all travel considered: 6,130.00

Suggested donation based on current expenses: 1000.00

This donation would specifically assist in covering the cost of food for our participants. In the event that the City of St. John's is able to offer funding for the Consent Culture Forum, all materials would include the logo of our donors and all food will be served with city advertising materials (ie: pop up banners, swag etc.) visible to all participants. Additionally, the City of St. John's is welcome to join our Community Fair, which is taking place during the registration portion of our forum and includes many non-for-profit groups, women's advocacy groups, and other community groups—this is open for all interested groups not just donors.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

NL Consent Culture Forum Committee



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Corporate and Operational Policy Manual

Passed By Council on:2003/05/12

Last Revision Date:2005/06/16



Policy: 04-09-02

Financial Support for Meeting and Conventions

Sporting Events

Purpose

The City of St. John's values the contributions that regional, national and international meetings, conventions and sporting events can have on the local economy. To that end, the City has established an incentive program consisting of cash grants or services-in-kind in support of this sector of our economy.

Policy Statement

1.0 Definitions:

1.1 "business/trade associations" means an incorporated governing body representing the interests of groupings of contractors, manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, etc.

1.2 "community/charitable group" means a registered body representing the interests of a cultural, social or charitable group or non-government organization.

1.3 "government association" means an incorporated governing body representing the interests of governments and government agencies.

1.4 "in-kind services" means the provision by the City of meeting rooms or the payment for breakfasts, lunches, dinners or coffee breaks either within City premises or at external locations.

1.5 "labour union" means an incorporated body representing the interests of labour and recognized as a union under provincial or federal legislation.

1.6 "meetings and conventions" means the gathering together of delegates to discuss matters relevant to a particular group

or association.

1.7 "sporting event" means the gathering together of players and chaperones to participate in a recognized sporting tournament.

1.8 "professional association" means an incorporated body representing the interests of practitioners of professions having designations recognized by provincial or federal legislation.

1.9 "regional, national and international" means meetings, conventions and sporting events wherein more than 75% of the delegates have geographic points of origin external to Newfoundland.

1.10 "supporting documentation" means the documentation by which a group, association or union is incorporated or created, and includes Applications for Incorporation, Articles of Incorporation, Memorandum of Association, Articles of Association, Certification as a Registered Charity, and relevant legislation governing the establishment and/or recognition of professions and unions.

2.0 **Eligibility:**

2.1 Financial and in-kind support will be limited to meetings, conventions and sporting events sponsored directly by:

- 2.1.1 Community/charitable groups
- 2.1.2 Professional associations
- 2.1.3 Business/trade associations
- 2.1.4 Labour unions
- 2.1.5 Government associations

2.2 Meetings, conventions and sporting events must be regional, national or international. Local or provincial meetings and conventions will not be eligible for support.

3.0 **Level of Support:**

3.1 Financial contributions and/or in-kind services will be provided to the following maximum levels of support:

3.1.1 Regional, National and International meetings, conventions and sporting events;

of participants maximum contribution

< 200 \$500
 201-500 \$750
 > 500 \$1,000



3.1.2 Under special circumstances, as may be determined from time to time by the Finance and Administration Standing Committee, the maximum amount of the financial contribution or in-kind service may be increased to \$2,500.

3.2 The City may provide public receptions and/or dinners at City Hall, or any other City owned facility, when requested to do so by the organizing committee for the meeting, convention or sporting event. To be eligible for such support, the meeting, convention or sporting event must be directly hosted and/or sponsored by the City.

4.0 **Applications for Support:**

4.1 Applications for support shall be directed to the City Clerk, who will determine the eligibility of each application. Ineligible applications shall be rejected by the City Clerk. Eligible applications will be forwarded to the Finance and Administration Standing Committee for action.

4.2 Applications must contain the following information:

4.2.1 Applicant's name

4.2.2 Description of support requested

4.2.3 Approximate number of delegates broken down by the geographic point of origin of the delegate groupings

4.2.4 Supporting documentation as determined by the City Clerk

5.0 **Source of Funding:**

5.1 Funding for financial contributions or in-kind support as referenced in Section 3.1 above, will be provided each year in the budget of the Department of Corporate Services.

5.2 Funding for public receptions and dinners as referenced in Section 3.2 above, will be provided each year in the budget of the Department of Building and Property Management.

5.3 Total annual allocations under this policy will not exceed the approved annual budgets.

Approvals

Finance and Administration Standing Committee report - May 6, 2003; Regular Meeting of Council - May 12, 2003. Finance and Administration Standing Committee report - October 9, 2003; Regular Meeting of Council - October 27, 2003. Finance and Administration Standing Committee report - June 8, 2005; Regular Meeting of Council - June 21, 2005.

Responsibility

Finance and Administration Standing Committee, City Clerk

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