

Request for Decision United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Council

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, February 17, 2017				Report Date	Monday, February 13, 2017			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

Support for Play “Stonecliff” - Report #17/02/17/1200

Subject: Support for an independent play entitled “Stonecliff”.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council consider supporting this venture.

WHEREAS Mr. Conrad Boyce has contacted the Library Board and Mayor Gibson with a proposal to debut his original play about Michael J. Heney, a native of Stonecliffe who moved on to build railways across Canada and the US, in Stonecliffe in October of 2017;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Boyce met with members of staff, council and the library board to discuss his proposal and to discuss potential for financial support;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby commit to supporting Mr. Boyce in his venture and commits to:

- Provide the venue, cost free for the performance;
- Assist the Library Board in researching funding opportunities;
- Provide a booth at HCMHomecoming2017 to market his project;
- Contact local organizations for potential funding; and
- Financially support Mr. Boyce through a donation of \$_____;

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Summary provided by Mel Theil, Librarian.

HCM staff are working to identify funding opportunities which might offset costs for our residents but still elicit the return Mr. Boyce would like to see for his initial showing here. The Seniors Community Grant Program might provide some funding to offset ticket prices for our senior residents. We will work with Mel to submit an application by the required deadline.

In order for this project to move forward, Mr. Boyce requires \$3,000 by the end of February to pay some of the people he is currently working with. He has various options for funding which he is following up on but is still searching for other sources.

In response to Mayor Gibson's request for determining when the project would get a solid "green light", Mr. Boyce explained that he required \$20,000 by April 30, 2017.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

Caveats:

- Head, Clara & Maria through the HCMHomecoming2017 Committee are canvassing businesses, individuals and corporations for funding for that event.
- Grant funding opportunities requires significant turnaround time.
- HCM's budget for 2017 will be tight and may require a tax increase to meet current estimated expenditures however; there are funds in general reserves which may be utilized for this purpose.

Others Consulted:

Mayor Gibson, Library Board and staff members, Conrad Boyce, playwright.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith, Municipal Clerk

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