



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: City Clerk
SUBJECT: Captain George Vancouver's 250 Birthday Anniversary Event

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the hosting of a special event to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Captain George Vancouver's birthday on June 22, 2007 by the City of Vancouver, at an estimated cost of \$3,500 to be funded from within the City Clerk's existing 2007 Operating Budget.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager RECOMMENDS approval of the above recommendation.

COUNCIL POLICY

The applicable Council policy is the Annual Event Guidelines as approved by Council at the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment on January 18, 2007.

BACKGROUND

In November 2006 staff were contacted by the Borough Council of Kings Lynn & West Norfolk, England, the birthplace of Captain George Vancouver, with a request that the City of Vancouver commemorate the anniversary of the 250th birthday of Captain George Vancouver on June 22, 2007. Other public organizations are also commemorating Captain George Vancouver. For example, Canada Post will be unveiling a postage stamp in his honour on that day. In addition, the Vancouver Historical Society and the Maritime Museum are planning various events.

At the January 18th Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment, Council approved the Guidelines for Annual Events which includes both City Honour and Award Events, National and International Events, and for Special Events. With respect to Special Events, these events are not annual events but rather are events held for special reasons such as marker anniversaries.

Should Council opt to commemorate the 250th birthday of Captain George Vancouver, the event could be considered as a Special Event. Such events require Council approval of both the event and the funding. Once approved, staff will proceed with the planning and delivery of the commemoration.

DISCUSSION

In commemoration of Captain George Vancouver's 250th birthday anniversary, staff are proposing a small display of naval artefacts on the 3rd floor foyer of City Hall, a proclamation announcing "Captain George Vancouver Day" and the serving of a birthday cake. The events would take place on the 3rd floor foyer, the north steps and lawn area of City Hall. In addition, staff are proposing that the City send a small gift and a "Vancouver" DVD to the Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk in honour of the special occasion.

The funds required for this special event would amount to \$3,500. These funds are to cover the cost of a gift, DVD, tents, tables, cake and audio equipment which will be required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As indicated previously, \$3,500 would be required to hold the commemorative event marking Captain George Vancouver's 250th birthday anniversary. The source of the funds would be from within the City Clerk's existing 2007 Operating Budget.

CONCLUSION

In recognition of the significance of the anniversary date of Captain George Vancouver's birth, staff are asking that Council approve a special event in his honour with funding to host the event to come from within City Clerk's existing 2007 Operating Budget funds.

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