



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, August 10, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CIVIC SQUARE

- 1. OPEN SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (5:30 P.M.)**
 - 1.1 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**
 - 1.2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**
 - 1.3 COUNCILLORS TO DETERMINE AGENDA ITEMS AND BY-LAWS TO BE REMOVED FROM BLOCK FOR DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (OPEN) (See pink tab)**

- 2. COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (OPEN)**
(to discuss items removed from Agenda Block)

- 3. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

A By-law to adopt, ratify and confirm proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Welland at its meeting held on the 10th day of August, 2016.
Ref. No. 16-1

- 4. ADJOURNMENT**



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AGENDA BLOCK

1. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES, PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND OTHER ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION - Nil**

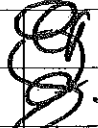


2. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**
 1. **Business Arising from Committee-of-the-Whole (closed) - Nil**
 2. **Staff Reports**

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3. **NEW BUSINESS - Nil**

4. **BY-LAWS - Nil**

SPECIAL COUNCIL
OFFICE OF THE CAO

APPROVALS	
GENERAL MANAGER	
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REPORT CAO 2016-09 16-4
AUGUST 10, 2016

SUBJECT: NIAGARA REGIONAL EXHIBITION – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

**AUTHORS: STEVE ZORBAS, CFO, CPA, CMA, B.Comm, DPA,
GENERAL MANAGER, CORPORATE
SERVICES/TREASURER**

APPROVING G.M.: GARY LONG, CAO

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND grants the Niagara Regional Exhibition (NRE) funding in the amount of \$24,641.00, being the unspent funding in the City's 2016 Operating Budget previously allocated to the Niagara Food Festival in order to facilitate an event which combines the NRE with a Food Festival to take place on September 16-17-18, 2016; and further

That Council authorize the CFO to transfer the approved budget amount of \$24,641.00 from the Niagara Food Festival budget to the Niagara Regional Exhibition.

ORIGIN AND BACKGROUND:

In early July, the NRE Board decided to cancel this year's exhibition, regroup and prepare for 2017.

On August 3, 2016, the Mayor's Office received a letter from the Treasurer of the Niagara Regional Exhibition on behalf of their Board Members. In their letter, they indicated that they were revisiting their decision and, upon approval for funding from the City of Welland, they are prepared to organize and host the annual Niagara Regional Exhibition which has been held in Welland for 163 years. The NRE are requesting a grant in the amount of \$25,000 plus \$2,500 in in kind services.

COMMENTS AND ANALYSIS:

With the cancelling of the Niagara Food Festival for the 2016 season, the grant amount to the Food Festival in the amount of \$24,641.00 is currently unused and still available. The NRE Board of Directors would like to bring a slightly revised event by combining the Niagara Regional Exhibition with a Food Festival to fill this void. They anticipate bringing an invigorating new event in 2017 as part of Canada's 150th birthday.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

The CFO has had an opportunity to review the grant request from the NRE along with their proposed 2016 budget (not approved by the NRE Board) and 2015 Financial Statements and

has determined that the amount of \$24,641.00 which was to be allocated to the Food Festival could be utilized towards the proposed NRE event at the Welland fairgrounds on Niagara Street.

It was also determined that the \$2,500 in in-kind services requested by the NRE would not be granted as this had not been budgeted for, and that the only amount which remains unused, being the \$24,641.00 could be provided to the NRE upon Council approval. The funds will not be paid to the NRE until after the event is completed. In addition we will be requesting the financial statements for the 2016 event to be filed with CFO of the City of Welland.

Since the funding had already been previously allocated and now remains unused, there are no financial implications associated with this request.

OTHER DEPARTMENT IMPLICATIONS:

Corporate and Financial Services and the SEART group would be involved with the transactions and approvals for this event.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

The NRE has been a 163 year old tradition in Welland. The NRE Board, after cancelling this year's exhibition, have revisited their decision and are prepared to organize a combined Exhibition – Food Festival for this September. The grant request could be supported by the City by transferring budget approved funds previously earmarked for the Niagara Food Festival.

ATTACHMENTS:

Letter dated Aug 3/16 from NRE Treasurer
Welland Food Festival and Fair - 2016 Proposed Budget
NRE 2015 Financial Statements

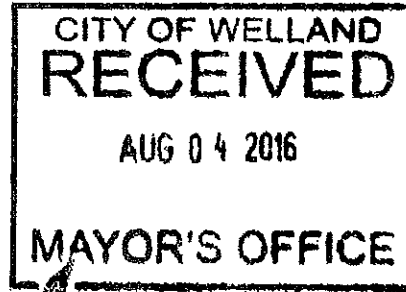


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Welland Mayor Frank Campion and City Council

Delivered By Hand



August 3, 2016

In light of the cancellation of both the Niagara Food Festival and the Fair, our community is feeling a major void. As you have no doubt heard, many residents are concerned and will miss these opportunities to see old friends and enjoy a special time with family.

The Niagara Regional Exhibition (NRE) is prepared to engage a professional event manager and offer a combined Welland Fair and Food Festival in September. However, we would need a permissive grant to make this financially feasible. As has been reported in the local paper, the NRE Board is committed to re-invigorate the Fair for 2017, as part of celebrating Canada's 150th birthday.

We are requesting a permissive grant of \$25,000, plus services in kind from the City up to \$2,500. We understand that \$24,641 allocated for the Food Festival is available in your 2016 budget.

The Niagara Regional Exhibition has never asked for a permissive grant from the city in its 163 year history.

The plan is to incorporate elements of the Food Festival, such as: food vendors, The Apple Pie Contest, The Fire Fighters Chili Cook Off, and Buskers entertaining throughout the fair grounds.

With this grant the Fair could and would run for 3 days, September 16, 17, and 18th, keeping many traditional elements, such as: the Midway, livestock exhibits, Home Show, Demolition Derby, the Fairest Baby Contest, etc. In the past there was an admission charged at the NRE gate, this year it would be free.

NRE board members were encouraged by the Mayor's positive comments in the Tribune. Time is of the essence. If this plan is to go forward, we need a response as soon as possible – hopefully, not later than the week of August 8.

Thank you,

Arthur Gill,
 2016 Niagara Regional Exhibition Treasurer

cc:

Gary Long CAO,
 Steve Zorbas, City Treasurer

Welland Food Festival and Fair 2016 Budget

	2016 Budget
REVENUE	
Pre Event Revenues	
Vendor Site Fees	\$ 10,000
Grants & Other	
City of Welland	25,000
Program	2,000
	27,000
Sponsorships	5,000
PRE EVENT REVENUES	42,000
EXPENSES	
Operational Expenses	
Security Other	2,500
Supplies	1,500
Volunteer food	500
Waste Management	500
Signage	1,000
Washroom Cleaning	1,000
Total Operational Site Expenses	7,000
Advertising	5,000
Rentals	
Preparation and event setup	1,000
Total Rentals	1,000
Entertainment	
Musical Acts & Buskers	14,000
Childrens Entertainment	1,000
Total Entertainment Costs	15,000
Prize payouts	
Event & Site Liability	10,000
Administration Expenses	
Miscellanoues	1,000
Honorarium	3,000
Total Administration Expenses	4,000

Welland Food Festival and Fair 2016 Budget

	2016 Budget
TOTAL EXPENSES	42,000
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	-
NET PRE EVENT MARGIN	-
On Site Revenues (Expenses)	
Draught Sales	5,000
Draught Purchases	(1,000)
Wine Sales	2,000
Wine Purchases	(1,000)
Total On Site Revenues	5,000
Net Profit	\$ 5,000

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NIAGARA REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015
(unaudited - see Notice to Reader)

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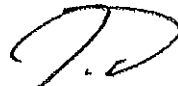
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NOTICE TO READER

I have compiled the balance sheet of Niagara Regional Agricultural Society as at November 30, 2015 and the statements of income and members' surplus and of cash flows for the year then ended from information provided by management.

I have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and accordingly I express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.



James P. Dalton
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Fonthill, Ontario
January 13, 2016

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NIAGARA REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET
 NOVEMBER 30, 2015

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash	-	-	-
Rent receivable	23,671	8,731	1,610
HST receivable	-	4,281	3,156
	<u>23,671</u>	<u>13,012</u>	<u>4,766</u>
Capital assets (Note 1)	<u>2,563,789</u>	<u>2,490,789</u>	<u>2,485,009</u>
	<u>2,587,460</u>	<u>2,503,801</u>	<u>2,489,775</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Bank indebtedness	57,579	28,836	7,890
Accounts payable and accrued charges	83,426	1,500	1,500
HST payable	4,107	-	-
	<u>145,111</u>	<u>30,336</u>	<u>9,390</u>
MEMBERS' EQUITY			
Net investment in capital assets	2,563,789	2,490,789	2,485,009
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(121,440)</u>	<u>(17,324)</u>	<u>(4,625)</u>
	<u>2,442,349</u>	<u>2,473,465</u>	<u>2,480,384</u>
	<u>2,587,460</u>	<u>2,503,801</u>	<u>2,489,775</u>

Approved by the Board:

_____ Director
 _____ Director

See accompanying Notice to Reader.
 (Unaudited)

James P. Dalton, C.A.

NIAGARA REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND MEMBERS' SURPLUS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
REVENUE			
Fair	82,138	59,701	75,797
Grant	4,000	7,542	7,542
Other	14,561	12,524	6,460
Rental income	124,008	136,690	110,829
	<u>224,707</u>	<u>216,457</u>	<u>200,628</u>
EXPENSE			
Advertising and promotion	15,132	15,565	14,396
Association fees and dues	862	528	167
Concession costs	-	2,946	4,624
Contract services	5,466	13,248	4,660
Grandstand and bracelets	61,869	82,469	85,946
Grounds maintenance	59,080	12,862	28,564
Insurance	21,457	18,923	19,965
Meetings and conferences	3,252	1,987	1,749
Office, bank charges and postage	7,048	7,016	10,095
Other operating expenses	7,850	13,872	5,981
Parking, ticket takers and sellers	2,632	2,771	2,996
Prize money and Derby payout	19,078	25,894	19,058
Professional fees	4,910	4,688	4,700
Security	15,376	11,234	21,808
Telephone and internet	3,948	3,499	3,101
Utilities	10,814	5,878	14,042
	<u>238,772</u>	<u>223,377</u>	<u>241,852</u>
NET LOSS BEFORE OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	(14,066)	(6,920)	(41,223)
OTHER ADJUSTMENTS (Note 3)	<u>(17,050)</u>	-	-
NET LOSS	(31,116)	(6,920)	(41,223)
MEMBERS' SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>2,473,465</u>	<u>2,480,384</u>	<u>2,521,608</u>
MEMBERS' SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	<u>2,442,349</u>	<u>2,473,465</u>	<u>2,480,384</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net Income(Loss)	(31,116)	(6,920)	(41,223)
Effect on cash from changes in working capital:	75,373	(8,246)	(8,209)
	<u>44,257</u>	<u>(15,165)</u>	<u>(49,433)</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Capital expenditures	(73,000)	(5,780)	(430)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	(28,743)	(20,945)	(49,863)
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>(28,836)</u>	<u>(7,890)</u>	41,971
CASH, END OF YEAR (Note 2)	<u>(57,579)</u>	<u>(28,836)</u>	<u>(7,890)</u>

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NIAGARA REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General

The Niagara Regional Agricultural Society was formed as an "agricultural society" without share capital under the Agricultural Societies Act of Ontario in 1853. It is not a corporation and has no Ontario corporation number.

Income Taxes

As a non-profit organization, under Sec 149(1)(l) of the Income Tax Act, the society is exempt from tax on income and capital gains.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are carried at cost. Amortization is not provided.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Land	700,850	700,850	700,850
Buildings	1,494,565	1,421,565	1,421,565
Outdoor lighting	120,000	120,000	120,000
Office equipment	17,078	17,078	17,078
Parking lot	30,000	30,000	30,000
Fence and other equipment	201,296	201,296	195,516
Total Cost	<u>2,563,789</u>	<u>2,490,789</u>	<u>2,485,009</u>
Accumulated Amortization	-	-	-
Net Book Value	<u>2,563,789</u>	<u>2,490,789</u>	<u>2,485,009</u>

2. SCHEDULE OF CASH

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Chequing account (o/d limit \$50,000)	(51,938)	(23,946)	(9,178)
Concession account	-	-	-
Prize account	(5,841)	(5,090)	1,087
Petty cash	200	200	200
	<u>(57,579)</u>	<u>(28,836)</u>	<u>(7,890)</u>

3. OTHER ADJUSTMENTS

2015

Other adjustments comprise the following:

Provision for bad debts - BP Sports	9,000
Adjustment to agree books to outstanding HST return	8,050
	<u>17,050</u>

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015

The Niagara Regional Agricultural Society is a non-profit organization which is dedicated to encouraging an awareness of agriculture and promoting improvements in the quality of life of persons who live in this agricultural community.

HEAD OFFICE: 1100 Niagara Street
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Amber Gilbert - First Vice President
Kathryn Luska - Second Vice President
Kathryn Powers - Secretary
Vaughn Gibbons - Treasurer
Arthur Gill - Co-Treasurer

DIRECTORS FOR 2014 - 2015: Dennis Martineau - Director
John McMahon - Director
Mary-Louise Ravazzolo - Director
Ray Ravazzolo Sr. - Director
Suzy Walter - Director
Chris Lance - Director
George Storm - Director
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