Minute No. 211
Report - Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues - February 8, 2005

Item No. 2 Entertainment Funding By-law Exemption
File FL-6

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues and adopted the following:

1. That the following amusement and/or place of amusement, which meets the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" of The Entertainment Funding By-law No. 7710/2000, be listed in Schedule "A", namely:

   A. Prairie Voices Inc.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Clement,
That the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 16, 2005, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 8, 2005, the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues concurred in the administrative recommendation and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

RE: RECOMMENDATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT FUNDING BY-LAW EXEMPTION – FEBRUARY 2005

FOR SUBMISSION TO: Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues

ORIGINAL REPORT SIGNED BY: Chief Financial Officer

REPORT DATE: January 27, 2005

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the following amusement and/or place of amusement, which **meets** the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" of The Entertainment Funding By-law 7710/2000, be recommended to Council for listing in Schedule "A":

1. Prairie Voices Inc.

REPORT SUMMARY:

The Administration has conducted a consistent and thorough review of the application received for exemption from the Entertainment Funding By-law in accordance with the criteria set forth in By-law 7710/2000.

Key Issue(s):

The application received from Prairie Voices Inc. for exemption from the Entertainment Funding Tax has **met** the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" of the Entertainment Funding By-law 7710/2000.

Implications of the Recommendation(s):

General Implications

x	**None**
	For the organization overall and/or for other departments
	For the community and/or organizations external to the City
	Involves a multi-year contract

Comment(s):

Policy Implications

x	**No**
	Yes

Comment(s):

Environmental Implications:

x	**No**
	Yes

Comment(s):

Human Resources Implications:

x	**No**
	Yes

Comment(s):

Financial implications

x	**Within approved current and/or capital budget**
	Current and/or capital budget adjustment required

Comment(s): The financial impact of an approved application for exemption from the Entertainment Funding Tax is unknown. The tax revenue that could be generated from this event cannot be quantified because the event has not yet occurred.

REASON FOR THE REPORT:
Council must approve all Entertainment Funding By-law exemptions.

HISTORY:
The Entertainment Funding By-law 7710/2000 was adopted in September 2000, wherein the former Amusement Tax By-law was replaced. A report to the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues is prepared for each scheduled meeting if an application for exemption is received. The report was first submitted for the meeting of January 16, 2001 and for each meeting thereafter as required.

DISCUSSION:
An amusement or place of amusement may be listed in Schedule "A" where an organization has submitted an application for exemption. Listings are intended to assist locally based charitable and not-for-profit cultural or athletic organizations in producing entertainment and sporting events with admission prices at a level which will encourage a broad audience. Listings are not intended to apply where an amusement is held for fund raising events in which the performers or promoters profit or where the exemption would result in for-profit gains.

The Administration has conducted a thorough review of the application received from Prairie Voices Inc. It is recommended that Council approve listing in Schedule "A" for this Entertainment Funding Tax exemption application as the organization has satisfied the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" of By-law 7710/2000.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT - Date: February 2005

The financial impact of approving the application from Prairie Voices Inc. for exemption from the entertainment funding tax is unknown. The tax revenue that could be generated from this event cannot be quantified because the event has not yet occurred.

"Original signed by Carrie Erickson"
Carrie Erickson
Manager of Finance & Administration

IN PREPARING THIS REPORT, THERE WAS CONSULTATION WITH AND CONCURRENCE BY:

THIS REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

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Taxation & Revenue
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