



**SUBJECT: Funding agreement with the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund Corporation**

**TO: Committee of the Whole**

**FROM: Parks & Recreation Department**

Report Number: PR-12-17

Wards Affected: All

File Numbers: 901-01

Date to Committee: May 1, 2017

Date to Council: May 15, 2017

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### **Recommendation:**

Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a funding agreement between the City of Burlington and the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund Corporation to the satisfaction of the Director of Parks & Recreation and City Solicitor.

### **Purpose:**

An Engaging City

- Community Building through Arts and Culture via Community Activities

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### **Background and Discussion:**

The City in partnership with the Sound of Music Festival applied to the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund for a Citizenship Reaffirmation Ceremony and Concert taking place on June 11, 2017 at Spencer Smith Park on the Burlington waterfront. Programming will include:

- An indigenous smudging ceremony
- Citizenship Ceremony for new Canadians followed by Reaffirmation Ceremony for previous new Canadian citizens and naturalized Canadians
- A concert with five local Burlington acts

### **Financial Matters:**

The Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund will grant the City of Burlington \$45,000 to assist with securing the production and talent for the ceremony and concert.

### **Other Resource Impacts**

Staff from Legal, Finance and Parks & Recreation will all be involved to meet the requirements of the agreement. This additional work will be incorporated into existing work plans.

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### **Connections:**

This project links with the Cultural Action Plan and efforts that the City is making to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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### **Public Engagement Matters:**

Local residents and businesses around Spencer Smith Park and the downtown core will receive notification of this additional date as part of the traditional summer resident notification letter issued from the Parks & Recreation department.

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### **Conclusion:**

The Citizenship Reaffirmation Ceremony and Concert is a great opportunity to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thanks to the funding from the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund and the Sound of Music, the City is able to activate the ceremony with a concert from local talent.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**Report Approval:**

All reports are reviewed and/or approved by Department Director, Director of Finance and Director of Legal. Final approval is by the City Manager.