



## Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of August 9, 2018

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**To:** Committee of the Whole **Date:** July 25, 2018  
**From:** Thomas Soulliere, Director of Park, Recreation and Facilities  
**Subject:** Support for Victoria 2020 Canadian Francophone Games

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### RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve financial support up to \$50,000 for the 2020 Canadian Francophone Games, with funds from the 2018 budget surplus.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On April 26, 2018, Council agreed to support the 2020 Canadian Francophone Games in-principle, and directed staff to explore opportunities to support the Games with the organizers and report back to Council.

The Canadian Francophone Games is an initiative of Federation de la jeunesse canadienne-française, which occurs every three years. The event represents the largest gathering of French-speaking Canadian young people, focused on arts, leadership and sport. In 2020, citizens from across the country, between the ages of 13 and 18 will arrive in Victoria to participate in a wide range of activities over the course of five days (July 14-18). In addition to 1,000 competitors, the event will involve approximately 500 volunteers, along with coaches, family members and supporters from across the country. This will represent the first time the event has been hosted in B.C.

The backing of a variety of partners is critical to hosting such a large event. The event currently has the support of the Government of Canada, with \$2 million from the Ministry of Heritage, and other regional stakeholders. Financial support from the B.C. government is being sought, and municipalities are invited to participate through contributions \$50,000 per organization.

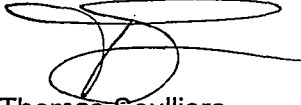
The City of Victoria's role in this event is still being evaluated; however, the opportunity for hosting a special event in one of the City's public spaces is appealing to the organizers. The City's contribution may therefore be a combination of cash and in-kind services.

The organizers require funding support in 2019 as program planning and related expenditures will be incurred in advance of the 2020 event.

**Next Steps**

Pending Council's approval for the request for financial support, staff will coordinate with the organizing committee on the specifics of the City's participation in this large cultural event.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director  
Parks Recreation and Facilities

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

*Joseph Jenkyns*  
Date: *July 26, 2018*