



Governance and Priorities Committee Report

For the Meeting of December 11, 2014

To: Governance and Priorities Committee **Date:** December 5, 2014
From: Robert Woodland, Director of Legislative & Regulatory Services
Subject: City of Victoria New Year's Day Event

Summary

Victoria City Council has traditionally held a New Year's Day event known as the New Year's Levee on January 1, 2014. The Levee is open to the public and provides an opportunity for attendees to meet the Council on the first day of the New Year. Light refreshments are served over the course of the event, which is typically 1.5 hours in duration.

The City's costs for hosting the Levee are about \$5,500, which includes catering for 200 people, security and building services staffing and advertising. These event costs are higher than usual as the event occurs on a statutory holiday.

Council may wish to provide direction to staff as to whether the City will continue with the New Year's Levee or host another event that Council finds more appropriate for the community. Other area municipalities have chosen to provide for other events in lieu of the traditional Levee, such as free family swimming (District of Saanich, 2014). There is currently an expected expense of \$5500 for a City-hosted New Year's Day event.

Recommendation:

That the Governance & Priorities Committee provide a recommendation to Council regarding a New Year's Day event hosted by the City of Victoria.

Respectfully submitted

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Robert Woodland
Director, Legislative & Regulatory Services

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

Date:

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December 5, 2014