

**Strathcona County Celebrates Canada 150****Report Purpose**

To seek approval for funding for activities and events planned to celebrate Canada 150.

**Recommendation**

THAT funding for Canada 150 celebrations, in the amount of \$150,000, from the Municipal Project Reserve (1.3773), be approved.

**Council History**

November 28, 2016 – Council approved the 2017 Operating and Capital Budgets.

March 14, 2017 – Strathcona County celebration of Canada 150 presented to Priorities Committee.

**Strategic Plan Priority Areas**

**Economy:** n/a

**Governance:** n/a

**Social:** Events are being planned to provide a diverse range of opportunities for the community to mark and to come together to celebrate Canada 150.

**Culture:** Activities and events celebrating Canada's sesquicentennial will feature visual reminders, profile local and Canadian icons, define what it is that makes us Canadian, and highlight our beginnings as a nation and as a community.

**Environment:** n/a

**Other Impacts**

**Policy:** FIN-001-024 Municipal Reserves

**Legislative/Legal:** n/a

**Interdepartmental:** Activities and events are being coordinated across a number of departments and divisions.

**Summary**

As described in the March 14, 2017 Report to Priorities Committee, in celebration of Canada 150, Strathcona County will be marking the celebration locally. In addition to taking advantage of existing programming, such as Canada Day celebrations, new initiatives are being introduced to bring the occasion to life. Care is being taken to make these both meaningful, through local context, as well as memorable. While there will be Canada 150 activities throughout 2017, the bulk of programming will be focused during the summer months from June to August.

Grants have been applied for through Recreation Parks and Culture in relation to these activities; however, approval of grant funding is not certain. The use of the requested reserve funds will be reduced by the extent that related grant funds are received.