



Municipality of the District of Argyle

Item: Fédération Culturelle
Acadienne de la Nouvelle Ecosse
(FéCANE)

Date: May 10, 2022

VISION

We see Argyle as home to a healthy and thriving rural population. Our municipality promotes and supports economic and social opportunities for the region and engages in the active expression of our unique Acadian heritage. We are a place of choice for rural living and are widely recognized for our warm hospitality and joie de vivre. Surrounded by fresh air and cool ocean breezes, we work and play in the great outdoors. People choose to live in Argyle because of our commitment to each other, to our community, and to our neighbors. Argyle is a place we are proud to call home.

Request:

Luc d'Eon from le Fédération Culturelle Acadienne de la Nouvelle Ecosse (FéCANE) made a presentation to council back in the winter of 2022. He also completed a Grants to Organization application requesting funding for \$25,000 for the Acadian Day Music Concert in West Pubnico on August 15, 2022.

Background Information:

La Fédération Culturelle Acadienne de la Nouvelle Écosse (FéCANE) bid was selected by Heritage Canada to produce the National Acadian Day television show, broadcast on Radio-Canada on August 15, 2022.

The show will take place outdoors, in front of the Dennis Point wharf in Pubnico and will be broadcast live on Radio-Canada on August 15, 2022. The artists will be from all over Canada which will include some local artists. The Dennis Point wharf and boats will serve as an impressive backdrop for these performances. It will also showcase our fishing community as it is an integral part of the local cultural identity. Plus, this will act as a trial run for the Congrès Mondail Acadien being held in our municipality in 2024. This event will cost well over \$400,000 to execute. The government of Canada through Heritage Canada has confirm funding for \$250,000 and a in-kind contribution committed for Radio Canada of over \$100000.

Suggestions

Option #1 Council agrees to support this cultural event with a one-time \$25,000 contribution.

Option #2 Council denies this funding request

Recommendation:

Option #1, The amount requested is significant, however it can be justified that this cultural event is being broadcast on Radio Canada, the publicity for our region will be huge and will

help us showcase the area to attract potential travellers for the big event in 2024 (Congrès Mondial Acadien). It a great opportunity for the municipality to promote our area and our local artists that will be showcase in the event.

Suggested motion.

Move that Council approve a one-time funding contribution to support the Fédération Culturelle Acadian de la Nouvelle Écosse for \$25,000 in the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget.