

## Decision Note

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| <b>Title:</b>               | 2026 Community Grant - National Indigenous Peoples Day |
| <b>Date Prepared:</b>       | March 30, 2026   |
| <b>Report To:</b>           | Regular Meeting of Council                             |
| <b>Councillor and Role:</b> | Councillor Jill Bruce, Community Services              |
| <b>Ward:</b>                | N/A  |

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**Decision/Direction Required:** Seeking Council approval of a Special Events and Festivals grant for 2026 National Indigenous Peoples Day, organized by First Light.

**Discussion – Background and Current Status:**

First Light have submitted an application for a Special Events and Festivals grant for 2026 National Indigenous Peoples Day. This large-scale outdoor event brings together over 500 participants and continues to grow each year. The event creates a welcoming and inclusive space for Indigenous and non-Indigenous community members to gather, celebrate, and engage in cultural exchange.

The grant committee have agreed to review the late application and have recommended it be approved in the amount of \$8000.

**Key Considerations/Implications:**

1. Budget/Financial Implications: All monies are approved under the 2026 Grant Allocation budget program.
2. Partners or Interested Parties: First Light.
3. Is this a New Plan, Master Plan, Strategy, Report, or Framework: No
4. Alignment with Strategic Directions:

A Connected City: Increase and improve opportunities for residents to connect with each other and the City.

A Sustainable City: Facilitate and create the conditions that drive the economy by being business and industry friendly; and being a location of choice for residents, businesses and visitors.

5. Alignment with Adopted Plans: N/A
6. Accessibility and Inclusion: N/A
7. Legal or Policy Implications: N/A
8. Privacy Implications: N/A
9. Engagement and Communications Considerations: N/A
10. Human Resource Implications: N/A
11. Procurement Implications: N/A
12. Information Technology Implications: N/A
13. Information Management Implications: N/A
14. Other Implications: N/A

**Recommendation:**

That Council approve the Special Events and Festivals grant for 2026 National Indigenous Peoples Day, organized by First Light.

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**Approved by:** Erin Skinner, Manager – Tourism, Culture, and Business Growth