



REPORT

TO: Mayor Avis & Council

FROM: Jason Kabel, Manager of Community Services

DATE: Sunday August 2, 2015

RE: Bethel Baptist Church – Townshend Theatre Request

BACKGROUND

At the regular meeting of Council on July 13, 2015, Council referred the attached request from Shirley Glueheisen, Bethel Baptist Church dated July 16, 2015 to Administration & Finance with input from the **Community Services Executive Committee**.

On September 2, 2015, Bethel Baptist Church will host the African Children's Choir at the Townshend Theatre. The African Children's Choir is a subsidiary of 'Music for Life', an organization that partners with community schools in Uganda, Kenya and South Africa to offer a weekly program to the communities most needy and vulnerable children. A summary of their request is as follows;

'Since we are hosting this event, Bethel Baptist Church will absorb all expenses including the rental of the theatre. Bethel Baptist Church is a small congregation and we are asking that you please consider waiving all or at least part of the per seat charge since this will add significantly to our costs and current budget.'

Organizations that rent the Townshend Theatre that do not have a fee for entry to their event are not typically subject to the Community Services Division seat surcharge over and above the Theatre rental.