



**TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE DIVISION
TREASURY REPORT 2013/102**

TO: Mayor Avis & Members of Council
FROM: Laurie Witherspoon, Treasurer
DATE: October 23, 2013
SUBJECT: Friends of the Fort Frances Museum Fundraiser Gala

BACKGROUND

At the October 15, 2013 Council Meeting the Friends of the Fort Frances Museum fundraising Gala request for consideration was referred to the Administration & Finance Executive Committee for their recommendation.

The Friends of the Fort Frances Museum will be hosting their second annual fall soirée and fundraiser gala on November 7, 2013 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. As indicated in the attached letter, the event will feature art exhibits, live music, a silent auction, games and socializing. Tickets for this fundraising event are \$35.00 per person or 2 for \$60.00.

The Friends of the Museum is a non-profit group of volunteers who raise funds for extras that are beyond the operating budget for the museum. In 2012, Council supported this community event authorizing the purchase of 10 tickets (\$350.00).

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration & Finance Executive Committee recommends that Council approve the purchase of 10 tickets in the total amount of \$300.00 for the fall soirée and fundraising gala at the Fort Frances Museum on November 7, 2013.

<p>Council Approval of this Report Will Agree to the Administration & Finance Executive Committee recommendation to approve the purchase of 10 tickets in the total amount of \$300.00 for the fall soirée and fundraising gala to be held at the Fort Frances Museum on November 7, 2013.</p>
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*Friends of the Fort Frances Museum
Wine and Cheese Fundraising Gala*

September 27, 2013



Dear Mayor and Council,

The Friends of the Fort Frances Museum would appreciate your attendance at its second-annual fall soir  e and fundraiser gala on Thursday, Nov. 7 at the Fort Frances Museum.

The gala, which will take place from 6:30-9:30 p.m., will be a fun event featuring art exhibits, live music from the Borderland Community Orchestra and other local talent, a silent auction, games, and socializing with wine, cheese, and hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets cost \$35 each or 2 for \$60.

Tickets are available at the museum, Fort Frances Times, and from Friends of the Museum members.

They also can be reserved by calling 274-7891 or emailing ffmuseum@fort-frances.com

The focus of the gala this year will be the opening both of "Threadworks", a juried exhibition that features exceptional and creative needlework by artists from across Canada, and the first-ever Fort Frances Fibre Art Festival, which will highlight the talent in our own area and at the same time provide a venue for local artisans to exhibit samples of their work.

Friends of the Museum is a non-profit group of volunteers which has been working over the past two years to raise funds for "extras" at the museum which go beyond its annual operating budget.

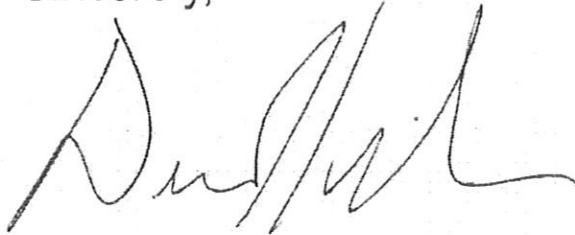
So far, we have been fairly successful in our efforts to raise funds, but we anticipate our gala on Nov. 7 will be a major boost for our coffers.

Funds raised will be used in the near future to provide cultural programming locally, such as a song-writing workshop for youths, and to pay for projects to help promote the museum, including a rack card (a two-sided card with information about the museum to encourage tourists to visit there) which will be distributed locally as well as across the region and into Minnesota and possibly other northern states.

We are expecting this year's gala to be bigger and better than ever. We truly appreciated attendance by council and town staff at our event last fall, and urge you to attend our

fall soirée again on Nov. 7.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Duane Hicks', with a stylized, flowing script.

Duane Hicks
President,
Friends of the Fort Frances Museum

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October 16, 2013

Friends of the Fort Frances Museum
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Dear Sir,

At their meeting October 15, 2013, Council referred the financial request dated September 27, 2013 from Friends of the Fort Frances Museum re: Wine and Cheese Fundraising Gala – November 7th at the Fort Frances Museum to the Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.

By copy of this letter, your request has been referred as directed.

Please direct any questions you may have to Laurie Witherspoon, Treasurer at 274-5323, ext 248.

Yours very truly,

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE DIVISION

Kathryn M. Lawson, Deputy Clerk

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c.c. Administration and Finance Executive Committee
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