

TO: Mayor Avis & Members of Council
FROM: Laurie Witherspoon, Treasurer
DATE: October 21, 2014
SUBJECT: Friends of the Museum Third-annual Fall Soirée and Fundraising Gala

BACKGROUND

At the October 14, 2014 Council Meeting, the letter received from Duane Hicks, President of the Friends for the Fort Frances Museum was referred to the Administration & Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.

The Friends of the Fort Frances Museum will be hosting its third-annual fall soirée and fundraiser gala on Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the Museum. As indicated in the attached letter, the event will feature 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 focus for this year's gala will be "We Remember Them".

The Friends of the Museum is a non-profit group of volunteers who have been working over the past two years to raise funds for extras at the museum that are beyond the operating budget. All monies raised by the Friends of the Museum goes back into the community.

In the past years, 2012 and 2013, Council has authorized the purchase of 10 tickets.

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 6, 2014.

<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 6, 2014.</p>
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*Friends of the Fort Frances Museum
Wine and Cheese Fundraising Gala*

October 3, 2014

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Friends of the Fort Frances Museum would appreciate your attendance at its third-annual fall soirée and fundraiser gala on Thursday, Nov. 6 at the Fort Frances Museum.

The gala, which will take place from 6:30-9:30 p.m., will be a fun event featuring interesting exhibits, live music from the Rainy Lake Orchestra, 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 "We Remember Them," the exhibit commemorating World War I and II and the ties local men and women had to those historic conflicts.

While some members of council already attended the exhibition opening in mid-September, the exhibit continues to grow every day, as more and more local people come to the museum to tell museum curator Sherry George about their war stories.

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.

All money raised by the Friends goes back into the community. In the past year, we've put on a public events, SnOasis, put on three workshops focusing on songwriting and paper lantern making, and assisted the museum to make purchases that it could not otherwise afford. The promo cards, which I showed to council this past spring, were produced this year as a means to help promote the museum locally, within the region, and as far away as Wisconsin and southern Minnesota.

We truly appreciated attendance by council and town staff at our event in previous years, and urge you to attend our fall soirée again on Nov. 6.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Hicks', with a stylized, cursive script.

Duane Hicks
President,
Friends of the Fort Frances Museum