

2.1 Application for Community Grant Funds - Steampunk the Thames Inc

TO Thames Community Board
FROM Charmian Nell, Area Administrator for Thames
DATE 15/01/2021

1 Purpose of report

The purpose of the report is for the Thames Community Board to consider a request for funding the costs of hall hire for the Thames Civic Centre.

2 Summary

On 12 August 2020 the Thames Community Board approved a \$6,000 grant to Steampunk the Thames Inc to cover costs of free entertainment at the festival family events.

- On 2 September 2020 the Steampunk Committee advised the Thames Community Board that it was postponing the Steampunk festival from November 2020 to early 2021 due to concerns under Level 2 restrictions.
- On 21 September 2020 the Steampunk Committee requested to use \$2,500 of the \$6,000 grant for staging smaller events to cater to a group that were travelling to Thames on the November dates. The balance of \$3,500 would be used in April 2021. The Board agreed to the request as the use of the funds was within the parameters of the grant application.
- On 16 November 2020 the Steampunk Committee advised that Council's Economic Development team did not have budget available this financial year to waive Thames Civic Centre fees as per previous years. The Committee therefore requests that the Thames Community Board considers a request for funding the costs of hall hire for the Thames Civic Centre.

The Thames Community Board has \$3,782 available in its Community Grant fund.

3 Suggested resolution(s)

That the Thames Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Application for Community Grant Funds - Steampunk the Thames Inc' report, dated 15 January 2021.
2. Approves or declines the request of \$1,050 from the Board's Community Grant fund for the cost associated with the Thames Civic Centre.

References-Tabled/Agenda attachments

1. Attachment A - Steampunk Festival 2021 - request waiver of hall hire fees
2. Attachment B - Thames Civic Centre - Whole Complex - Steampunk Festival - 22-24 April 2021
3. Attachment C - Steampunk the Thames - advise smaller events in November 2020