



Peace River Regional District

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REPORT

TO: Chair and Directors

FROM: Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer

DATE: May 4, 2009

RE: "Spirit of the Peace" Pow Wow Society – June 19 to 21, 2008
Traditional Pow Wow

Recommendation: That the Regional Board provide a grant of \$500 to the "Spirit of the Peace" Pow Wow Society to go toward the June 2009 Annual Traditional Pow Wow being held in Taylor.

Rationale:

The Powwow is an annual event and the Organization's application for sponsorship meets all of the requirements to receive funding from Grants to Community Organizations – Annual Event.

The Regional Board gave this group a \$750 Special Event Grant in 2008.

Attachments: Letter and budget.

Department Head:

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For Faye Salisbury

CAO:

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Grants to Community Organizations
- Special Event Grant Application Form -

Name of Organization: "Spirit of the Peace" Powwow Society

Address include Postal Code: 10917-101st Ave, Fort St. John, BC V1J2C1

Name of Contact Person: Leeanna Rhodes

Telephone Number: (250) 785 0612 ext 238

Society Registration Number: S-51693

Name of Event: Spirit of the Peace 4th Annual Powwow

Type of Event: Traditional Powwow showing Arts & Culture

Amount of Grant Request: \$2000.00

Who will it serve: It will go to Sound & Stage

How many will attend: 1500 +

What is economic benefit to Area: Tourism + Building Relationships

This application must include the previous years financial statements, if available, and an event budget.

The Applicant must submit within ninety (90) days of event completion a final financial statement for the event.

Office Use Only:			
Amount Approved: \$	Date:	GL Code:	

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"Spirit of the Peace" Powwow Society

"Honoring the Four Directions"

April 15, 2009

Diana Mitchell
Peace River Regional District
Box 810
1981 Alaska Avenue
Dawson Creek, BC.
V1G 4H8



RE: 4th Annual Spirit of the Peace Powwow on June 19th to June 21st, 2009.

Dear Diana Mitchell;

The "Spirit of the Peace Powwow Society is holding our 4th Annual Traditional Powwow at the District Ice Center in Taylor, B.C., June 19th, 20th & 21st, 2009. We would like to thank you for your generous donation last year, and hope for your continued support. Attached is our proposal.

Our Society would be very grateful to accept any donations your company/organization can offer. This year your companies' name will be associated with an item needed for the powwow, of course you can choose what you would like to sponsor as well. For example; Peace River Regional District could be the sponsor of our Host Drum, every time the host drum is introduced your company name will be included as the sponsor. This goes for all the items to follow:

Dancer Payout	\$10,000.00	Sound System	\$ 2,000.00
Host Drum	\$ 7,000.00	Men's Traditional	\$ 1,000.00
Stickman	\$ 4,000.00	Women's Jingle	\$ 1,000.00
Announcers	\$ 3,000.00	Teen Category	\$ 1,000.00
Cultural Advisors	\$ 5,000.00	Princess Pageant	\$ 400.00
Elders Tent	\$ 1,000.00	Tee Pees	\$ 1,000.00
Media	\$ 2,000.00	Giveaways	\$ 1,500.00
Tabulators	\$ 1,500.00	Tobacco	\$ 1,500.00
Drummer Payout	\$ 6,500.00	Traditional Materials	\$ 1,500.00

Our Society number is S-51693.

Any questions; please contact the Powwow President, Leeanna Rhodes at 250 785-0612, ext 238.

All cheques can be made payable to:
"Spirit of the Peace" Powwow Society
10917-101st Avenue
Fort St. John, B.C. V1J-2C1

Thank you for considering this proposal. As a further acknowledgement, we will be placing an ad in the surrounding area Newspapers.

Leeanna Rhodes
"Spirit of the Peace" Powwow
Society Board President

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BACKGROUND

On behalf of the Spirit of the Peace Powwow Committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to support our fourth annual traditional powwow. This cultural gathering is scheduled to take place at the District Ice Centre in Taylor, B.C. on June 19-21, 2009.

This event originated with a small group of youth powwow dancers who loved dancing but could not attend other powwows without being properly initiated into the powwow circle. The only way they could be initiated was to request initiation at a local powwow, but there was no local powwow in the North Peace area. This need brought together a group of hard-working and committed individuals from various local organizations; who established a Powwow Society, to organize a powwow.

The original goals of our event were: To unite people to build and strengthen social relationships within a cultural setting; To provide an opportunity for diverse culture and social networking; To share and promote First Nation cultural teachings of society and art through song and dance; To share elder's wisdom and important ceremonies; To provide a venue for people to share, grow and most importantly heal; To assist First Nations to reconnect to traditional teachings and ceremonies; To introduce the benefits of a Powwow to the general public as a healthy activity.

We achieved this and so much more: "Before learning about powwows and dancing, all I had was drinking and partying", a quote from a local youth dancer, who is on our youth committee.

"When I went back to school after the first powwow; everyone was telling me how lucky I was that I could dance; this was the first time I felt proud of myself and who I am." Quote from a local youth dancer.

"I never thought I would ever hear the drumbeat again." Quote from a local elder who resides at the care home in Fort St John, BC.

These stories keep the committee motivated. We believe we are promoting the rich aboriginal culture and traditions. We embrace the teachings that come from our powwow elders and want to share them with all who attend and want to learn. We want our children to know where they come from and to be proud of their heritage.

We have many partners and we deeply appreciate them some include the District of Taylor, who have graciously hosted the powwow for the past three years and have graciously offered their assistance again this year. The Treaty 8 Tribal Association who have allowed their staff to volunteer at this worthwhile event and have donated printing, posters, etc. School District # 60 has allowed the First Nations Education Center staff to volunteer and have donated a bus and driver that allows us to provide shuttle services for those without transportation. The Ministry of

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Children and Family Development have been great supporters of the powwow; they recognize the importance of linking children to their heritage and traditions; as many of our dancers are foster children or children in care.

TRADITIONAL POWWOW

This traditional powwow begins with the powwow committee meeting our elders for a pipe ceremony and a sacred feast to focus on the work ahead and to pray for a healthy and positive gathering. This begins three days of powwow activities, which include dancing, drumming, traditional regalia, dance specials and an initiation ceremony. The powwow also includes opportunities for people to set up booths to sell art, crafts, food, etc. We are anticipating approximately 300- 400 people to attend each day.

A traditional powwow is different from a competition powwow. There is no cost to attend and participate in a traditional powwow. The host (committee) accepts the obligations for organizing the event and assumes the responsibility for ensuring the basic needs of our guests (dancers & drummers) are met. This will result in costs associated for meals, accommodation and travel for the host drummers, the arena director/stickman, the announcer and the spiritual guides/leaders. There are also costs associated with providing gifts or offerings of thanks, to all dancers from children to elders and providing small gifts to all spectators. Under normal circumstances, aboriginal peoples would never allow a guest leave their home without offering a meal or assistance; this is why at a traditional powwow; we treat our guests in this manner. The powwow is our home for the weekend.

Historically these events provided an opportunity for people to present themselves to each other for marriage, traditional naming ceremonies, work alliances, social ranking and it was another way of developing society.

Reporting/Feedback

We will provide your contributing company/organization with a copy of our financial report for the event to demonstrate our accountability of your donation. We will also provide a written report on event challenges, successes and highlights.

Contact Person

Leeanna Rhodes – President
(250) 785-0612 (ext 238)

E-mail lrhodes@treaty8.bc.ca

Barb Taylor – Vice President
(250) 785-6981 (ext 6238)

E-mail btaylor@nlc.bc.ca

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BUDGET

The costs are unique for this particular event because Powwows are usually hosted by larger First Nation communities. Therefore, we need to request assistance to hold this event. Our hopes are to build capacity within our local First Nations to participate and be trained in the areas needed to host future competitive powwows.

The below-listed items are necessary costs for the 2009 Spirit of the Peace Pow Wow. Without our valuable advisors teaching and mentoring; our goal of sharing aboriginal culture, art and ceremony with local first nations and area residents would not be possible.

The following is a breakdown of the proposed expenses for the Powwow:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST
Facility	Arena Rental <i>IN KIND</i>	\$3500.00
Tables and Chairs	50 tables & 400 chairs <i>IN KIND</i>	\$2250.00
Host Drum (12 drummers)	Accommodation (6 rooms x \$129.00 x 3 = \$2322.00), meals \$600.00, Mileage \$300.00. Host Drum Fee = \$3000.00 (12 drummers x \$250.00)	\$6820.00
Stick Man	2 Visits accommodations, advisory fee, meals & mileage. (Smith, Alberta)	\$6140.00
Announcer	Accommodations, advisory fee, meals & mileage. (Saddle Lake, Alberta)	\$2500.00
Assistant Announcer	Honorarium	\$250.00
Cultural Advisors (2)	2 visits - accommodations, meals, mileage & advisory fee. (Smith, Alberta)	\$11,000.00
Elder's Tent	Providing lunch and dinner for our elders	\$1000.00
Drum Groups	7 drum groups x \$1500.00 additional groups not including host	\$6,500.00
Sound System	Cost Estimate	\$2000.00
3 Specials	Contest Special will be determined at a later date.	\$3,000.00
Princess Pageant	Traditional knowledge, speech and talent contest.	\$500.00
Advertising	Media, Posters, etc.	\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous		\$500.00
Dancer Payout	Dancer Honorarium	\$10,000.00
Give away and Rations	Gifts to our guests	\$2200.00
Traditional Materials	(Cloth, Ribbon, Feathers etc)	\$1,500.00
Tobacco	Elder's Offerings	\$1,000.00
Tabulators		\$1350.00
TOTAL		\$64,010.00

Our committee is fundraising to cover other expenses and costs of the powwow. Please be advised our society number is S-51693

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“SPIRIT OF THE PEACE” POW WOW SOCIETY

Financial Statements (unaudited)

Year Ended September 30, 2008

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Partners

- * Ben Sander, B. Comm., C.A.
- * Dale J. Rose, C.A.
- * R.S. (Bob) Trobak, C.A.

"SPIRIT OF THE PEACE" POW WOW SOCIETY
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

NOTICE TO READER

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the balance sheet of "Spirit of the Peace" Pow Wow Society as at September 30, 2008 and the statement of income and equity for the year ended from information provided by management. We have not performed an audit, or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, we express no assurance thereon. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Fort St. John, BC
November 18, 2008

SANDER ROSE TROBAK LLP
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

These financial statements were compiled solely for the use of "Spirit of the Peace" Pow Wow Society pursuant to a written contract. Sander Rose Trobak, Chartered Accountants, make no representations of any kind to any other person with whom they have not entered into a written contract.

"SPIRIT OF THE PEACE" POW WOW SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET

SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

(unaudited - see Notice to Reader)

ASSETS	
CURRENT	
Cash	\$ 2,412

EQUITY	
BALANCE OF EQUITY	\$ 2,412

Approved by

Director

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Sauder Rose Trobak LLP
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

"SPIRIT OF THE PEACE" POW WOW SOCIETY
 STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EQUITY
 YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008
 (unaudited - see Notice to Reader)

INCOME	
50/50 Draw	\$ 1,000
Donations	65,885
Interest	17
Raffle	1,475
Vendor rental	820
	<u>\$ 69,197</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Accounting	398
Advertising and promotion	7,588
Bank charges	47
Give aways	3,174
Equipment rental	1,023
Honoraria and supplies for elders	9,183
Insurance	410
Licenses and permits	65
Meals	
Office and sundry	
Remuneration - announcer	3,700
- contract labour	600
- cultural advisors	5,400
- dancers	11,520
- drummers	13,543
- event co-ordinator	13,989
- other	1,450
- registration desk	400
- stickman	5,550
Rent	7
Storage	1,152
Sound system	1,779
Supplies and cleaning	2,675
Travel	1,649
	<u>85,302</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER INCOME	(16,105)
EQUITY, beginning of year	<u>18,517</u>
EQUITY, end of year	<u>\$ 2,412</u>

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