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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: FIJI INDIAN ASSOCIATION FESTIVAL 2009**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council approve a grant in the amount of \$3,115.07 to cover the costs of the Fiji Indian Association Festival 2009 to be held at Swangard Stadium on 2009 July 11.

**REPORT**

The Executive Committee of Council, at its meeting held on 2009 June 15, received and adopted the *attached* report providing a grant request assessment of the Fiji Indian Association Festival 2009. The Committee referenced that this is a cultural event to celebrate the dance, food and activities of the Fiji Indian community and noted that support would provide an opportunity to host this popular cultural event in Burnaby.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor N. Volkow  
Chair

Councillor P. Calendino  
Vice Chair

Councillor P. McDonell  
Member

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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

**DATE:** 2009 June 09

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION &  
CULTURAL SERVICES

**SUBJECT:** FIJI INDIAN ASSOCIATION FESTIVAL 2009

**PURPOSE:** Grant Request Assessment

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**REPORT**

The President of the Fiji Indian Association of BC, Vincent Puran Prakash, submitted a letter to the City on 2009 February 09, requesting a grant to cover the cost of the Association's annual Fiji Festival. This will be the seventh year of the event, which was held in Vancouver last year with over 4000 people in attendance. The organizers would like to move the annual event to Burnaby.

This cultural event is being held to celebrate the dance, food and activities of the Fiji Indian community. The event plans for this summer include a traditional yagona ceremony, Polynesian, Melanesian and Hawaiian dancers as well as Bhangra dancers, folk songs, a fashion show and classical Indian dancing. The organizers have arranged for food vendors on site which will reflect the culture.

The event is planned for the day of July 11<sup>th</sup>, however, use of Swangard Stadium is required on July 10<sup>th</sup> for set up and July 12<sup>th</sup> for take down of staging. The cost of \$3,115.07 (including GST) includes staffing, rental of Swangard Stadium for the three days as well as concession operation buy-out.

The Fiji Association is a non-profit organization which has secured sponsorship with the Jai Fiji TV Production for the event. The festival is open to the public and has free admission. Swangard Stadium, having suitable amenities, is an ideal location for cultural events such as this. The dates required for the festival have been secured and staff have met with event organizers to

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discuss logistics. Support, in the form of a grant to off set the festival costs, would provide an opportunity to host this popular cultural event in Burnaby.



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DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

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