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Hello,

Please note the following response to Council Delegation Request Form has been submitted at Thursday September 21st 2023 10:18 PM with reference number 2023-09-21-011.

- **Organization's Name (if applicable)**
Ingersoll Pipe Band

- **Name and Title of Primary Contact / Main Presenter**
Nancy Matthews (Phoenix Planning Committee - Primary Contact)

- **Street Address**
[REDACTED] Ingersoll, Ontario, N5C3J7

- **Daytime Contact Number**
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- **Name and Title of Other Presenter (if applicable)**
Doug Collins - Pipe Major (main presenter), Veronica Jackson, Wendy Marshall + Nancy Matthews

- **Date you wish to present to Council**
9/27/2023

- **How would you like to attend the Council meeting?**
In-person

- **If attending an in-person council meeting , do you or any members of your party require accessibility accommodations?**
No accessibility accommodations necessary

- **Use the space below to clearly outline the purpose for your presentation to council. Provide a brief outline of your subject matter including your suggested outcome**

The Ingersoll Pipe Band (IPB) received an invitation from the Mesa Caledonian Pipe Band to attend, perform and compete in the 59th Phoenix Scottish Games, March of 2024 in Gilbert, Arizona. Please view the following link from last year's 2023 games:

<https://phoenixscottishgames.com/>

The IPB would be the featured 'spotlight' International Band for the Highland Games weekend and the Friday/Saturday evening Tattoos. As well as playing at the games for three days, the IPB would also be performing at other events in the Phoenix/Mesa/Gilbert, Arizona area.

There is quite a history and family connection with the Mesa Caledonian Pipe Band, as its founding members and current Pipe Major learned from former pipe/drum majors with the IPB back in the 1960's. This invitation to the 59th Phoenix Scottish Games would provide a unique opportunity to celebrate this long standing musical connection and history between the Mesa and Ingersoll bands.

The IPB is Canada's oldest, non-military, independent Pipe Band representing Oxford County and the Town of Ingersoll since 1910. For over 113 years the band has attracted and taught many talented players who have competed and traveled world-wide, making great memories and friends, while sharing the love of pipe music.

The IPB regularly perform as individuals, mini bands and a full band for: parades, ceremonies, weddings, funerals, graduations, public and private celebrations and gatherings, and at long term care and retirement centres. The IPB are proud to be ambassadors for Oxford and enjoy performing for many events locally throughout the County (Christmas and May 24th Parades, Lighting of the Lights, Remembrance Day, Alexandra Hospital Memorial, Canada Day etc.), as well as, those further afield.

During the Covid pandemic years, the IPB entertained outdoors at nursing homes and retirement residences in Ingersoll, Woodstock, Tavistock and Tillsonburg. The IPB are committed supporters for all the local branches of the Royal Canadian Legion and donate our services for Remembrance Day Ceremonies, Battle of Britain recognition events and New Year's Levees.

The IPB is a non-profit organization where there are no annual fees for members or learners. The IPB is also a teaching band where lessons are given to learners of all ages for free. As well, many of the IPB performances are free or by donation.

The goal of the IPB is to continue to promote the inclusive nature of pipe bands and share the tradition of Scottish Canadian pipe music with one and all. Participating in the 59th Phoenix Scottish Games would enable the band to do just this, as well as, represent and promote Oxford County and Town of Ingersoll by participating and competing in an International long established Highland Games and Tattoo.

The IPB would be the first Canadian band invited to perform at 59th Phoenix Scottish Games, providing a unique opportunity to not only be ambassadors for our country, but also the County of Oxford and our home town of Ingersoll. It is a distinct privilege to represent Oxford County and participating in the Phoenix Games would be a big trip for our band.

The band is working very hard to fundraise in order to make this trip happen, but the financial commitment for 30 traveling band members is very high. Ground transport, flights, hotel accommodation, baggage fees for instruments and uniforms are very expensive. Simply transporting participating band members to and from Pearson airport with luggage and instruments has come in at a quote of just over \$3600.

The Phoenix Planning Committee has estimated costs for this trip somewhere between \$35000 - \$40000. This is a huge financial challenge for our band and one in which we must reach out to and rely on community support to make happen.

The IPB are applying for a one time grant request and are hopeful that the County of Oxford would be able to support our participation in the 59th Phoenix Scottish Games by lending a hand financially. The IPB is requesting consideration for a grant of \$10000.00.

Please feel free to call or email me if you require any additional information with respect to this delegation request. Thank you for taking this request into consideration and we are hopeful that we will be granted the opportunity to make a full presentation to council in the near future.

Sincerely,

Nancy Matthews
(written on behalf of the IPB Executive and Phoenix Scottish Games Planning Committee)

- **Will you be providing any electronic information (i.e. a**

presentation) beyond your summary above?

Yes

- **If YES, please upload here (Allowed extensions pdf, doc, docx, xls, xlsx, jpg, jpeg, gif, png, tif)**

1. [The Ingersoll Pipe Band Presentation for Oxford County-compressed \(2\).pdf \[634.7 KB\]](#)

- **Have you appeared before council to discuss the same topic in the past?**

No

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