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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION

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

**SUBJECT: FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE USE OF BONSOR'S BANQUET ROOM**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** a request from the Afghan Benevolent Association, for a fee waiver for the Spelling Bee Competition to be held in the Bonsor Banquet Hall at the Bonsor Recreation Centre on Monday, 2017 May 22, be denied.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Yosof Hakimi, Afghan Benevolent Association.

**REPORT**

Appearing under correspondence is an email from Mr. Yosof Hakimi, representing the Afghan Benevolent Association of BC, a non-profit organization created by Afghans living in British Columbia. The association is requesting a fee waiver for the use of Bonsor's Banquet Hall where they are hosting their Spelling Bee Competition.

Over the year, Commission approves very few fee waivers as the allotment fees for non-profit groups already reflects a reduced fee, compared to the market. The Afghan Benevolent Association Rental Contract for this event has been charged the non-prime time, preferred rate for non-profit groups for this 5 hour rental. This rate is \$85.99 per hour. In addition, the group has been provided with set up and take down rates at no charge.

Allotment fees are in place to offset a portion of the operational costs of the facility, and are reflective of the current market range for comparable facilities in other municipalities. These fees are set at a reasonable level to encourage community group use.

The cost for the use of Bonsor Banquet Hall is \$501.46 (including tax). This cost is based on 5 hours of use at the non-prime time preferred rate, plus a microphone rental.

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Many groups who request a fee waiver provide a valuable service to the community however it is not possible to approve all fee waiver requests. Therefore, it is recommended that the fee waiver request be denied.



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