

Request to Appear as a Delegation

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Name of Delegation: Port Moody Rotary - Ribfest
Name of Primary Contact Person: Frank Marchand
Name(s) of Delegation Member(s) in Attendance: Frank Marchand (co-chair), Allan Stjernegaard (co-chair), Alan Schmelzel (logistics)
Purpose of Delegation: To provide council with an update on our planning for Port Moody Rotary Ribfest 2022
Details of Request: Port Moody Rotary is looking for approval of our annual grant based on the assumption that Ribfest will proceed in 2022. Beginning with our first annual event in 2015, Port Moody Ribfest was a 3-day community festival that featured live music, family-friendly activities and barbecued ribs in Rocky Point Park in Port Moody. It has been a favourite public event looked forward to and attended annually by thousands of lower mainland residents. Hosted by The Rotary Club of Port Moody, in partnership with the City of Port Moody, it's a free 3-day weekend event that takes place in mid-July each year. In most years as many as 50,000 people attended the festival over the course of the weekend, which is a number greater than the entire population of Port Moody! It's been the largest fundraising event hosted by Rotary Club of Port Moody every year, benefiting charitable projects, with tens of thousands of dollars raised annually. Unfortunately, the effect of having canceled Ribfest in 2020 and again in 2021 caused serious, negative, financial impact on the many varied organizations and charities that have come to rely on The Rotary Club of Port Moody for funding. The Rotary Club of Port Moody looks forward to working co-operatively with the City of Port Moody in bringing back Ribfest in 2022 and making it again the great success it has been since 2015.
Additional Information in Support of Request: