

MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON

Joint Committee Meeting

RESOLUTION # _____

DATE: September 13, 2021

MOVED BY Councillor Zwart

SECONDED BY Councillor Anderson

WHEREAS since early 2020 our ability to gather, connect and celebrate in person has been impacted by COVID-19 and this social isolation can have negative effects on our sense of belonging and mental health.

AND WHEREAS our local Community Halls, which are operated by volunteer boards, allocate funds raised through special events to support their operating expenses and some larger projects.

AND WHEREAS, when it is safe to do so, a coordinated community wide event involving satellite offerings in our various communities, involving local Hall Boards, Business Improvement Areas and community groups, will provide an opportunity for neighbours - both urban and rural, friends and business owners to celebrate their support for one another throughout the pandemic;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Clarington allocate funds to support these events throughout Clarington and that staff be directed to support the planning of such events, tentatively scheduled at some point prior to May 31, 2022 with appropriate community partners, and further, approve \$36,000 from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund (with funds Received from the Province of Ontario through the COVID-19 Recovery Grant) to support some Community Celebration events throughout Clarington.