EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

For over twelve (12) years the City of Kingston has worked with The Theatre Kingston Barefoot Players to perform plays in various parks across the City. This is cultural entertainment that is accessible and provided at no charge to the community.

The Theatre Kingston Barefoot Players are planning on performing 16 plays in 2010. The first being July 2\textsuperscript{nd} and the last on August 14\textsuperscript{th}.

In order to ensure the long term sustainability of this accessible cultural service, staff are recommending the establishment of a formal partnership through which the City would provide access to the parks for performances at no cost.

RECOMMENDATION:

\textbf{THAT} the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign a partnership agreement with the Theatre Kingston Barefoot Players, to the satisfaction of the Legal Services Department, through which the City is to contribute park space at no charge.
AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER
Cynthia Beach, Commissioner, Sustainability & Growth

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer

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OPTIONS/DISCUSSION:

The draft Cultural Master Plan supports the development and sustainability of grass root cultural services. Theatre Kingston Barefoot Players have been performing in City parks for the past twelve (12) years with the support of the City, through the provision of park space. This event has been extremely popular, reaching over 7000 children and families each year through performances in schools, parks, libraries and special events. The event is run jointly by Queen’s University Drama Department and Theatre Kingston. All community members involved are volunteers.

This event offers a free cultural entertainment experience to the community in a park setting. Each 45 minute performance includes live music, singing, and a Q&A session with the actors.

In order to ensure the long term sustainability of this service, City staff are recommending the development of a formal partnership through which the City would contribute park space at no cost. Theatre Kingston Barefoot Players provide the production at no cost to participants.

EXISTING POLICY/BY LAW:

By-Law No. 2005-10 “A By-Law to Establish Fees and Charges to be collected by the Corporation of the City of Kingston”

NOTICE PROVISIONS:

N/A

ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The partnership value will vary every based on the number of performances and the fees for park rental. It is estimated that the City would be contributing of a value of $1,264 for 2010.

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EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

N/A