

EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION

COUNCIL
BUDGET PRESENTATION
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Brief History of the Edmonton Combative Sports Commission

- Commission created by Council in **1920**.
- Edmonton events included professional boxing since **1920**, professional wrestling since **1950** and mixed martial arts since **2002**.
- In 2006 the City recognized that major changes to industry governance, operations and oversight was needed.
- Nov. 9, 2011 Council passed new governance & operations Bylaws to take the industry forward in an open, fair & transparent manner!

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Major Services/Activities

- Ongoing industry regulation & oversight.
- Licensing of promoters, contestants & events.
- Management of event officials, purses, medical staff, safety & security requirements.
- Policy & procedure development, implementation, monitoring & evaluation.
- Public and industry communications.
- Bylaw compliance.



Funding History

- Past: a self-funded Commission because there were few boxing & wrestling events.
- Commission has reserve of approx. \$100k accumulated over the lifetime of the Commission.
- From 2006-2010 increase from 10 to 30 major events.
- In 2010 revenue to the City was approx. \$31k
- Anticipate new Bylaw funding levels to generate \$50 to \$75k/year.
- Potential to be self-funded in 2013 if event numbers continue to increase in number and size.





Service Package – Combative Sports

- One time funding (of \$150k) is required to complete policy, regulation & oversight development for good governance, operations & internal accounting controls; as well as, roll out of the new operational bylaw requirements.
- At the end of 2012, the ECSC & Administration will be in a position to see if industry regulation & oversight can be self-supporting.
- Efforts will be made in 2012 to complete **all outstanding work** to allow the Executive Director to oversee the entire combative sports industry in Edmonton in future years.
- Having a well regulated combative sports industry is essential for success. Having this funding is critical to complete the industry transition started 5 years ago.