

NO: R104

COUNCIL DATE: June 19, 2023

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **June 15, 2023**

FROM: **General Manager, Finance** FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Council Initiatives Funding Request – Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Approve a funding contribution of \$6,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund in support of the 2023 Royal Canadian Mounted Police (the “RCMP”) Musical Ride event to be held in Surrey on Saturday, June 24 to Sunday, June 25, 2023.

INTENT

The City received a funding request from the Surrey RCMP for their 2023 Musical Ride event to be held at Stetson Bowl on the Cloverdale Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 24 to Sunday, June 25, 2023.

BACKGROUND

The Musical Ride of the RCMP is a special unit showcasing the equestrian skills performed by 32 cavalry who are regular members of the force. The first official ride was held in 1887 in Regina. The RCMP Musical Ride performs in up to 50 communities across Canada each year between the months of May and October. The RCMP Musical Ride is returning to Surrey after 10 years.

DISCUSSION

The Surrey RCMP will be hosting this year’s Musical Ride on Saturday, June 24 to Sunday, June 25, 2023, at Stetson Bowl on the Cloverdale Fairgrounds. This year, the Musical Ride celebrates 150 years of the RCMP in Canada and the event brings many traditional and historical aspects of the RCMP in a wonderful family-oriented event. The goal is to welcome over 12,000 community members to partake in the events over two days. The Open House component will be a free event, and the Musical Ride will be a ticketed event for a small fee with all proceeds going to local Surrey charities: The Cloverdale Community Kitchen, Surrey Food Bank, and Surrey Hospital Foundation. Surrey residents will get an opportunity to interact with team members both before and after the musical ride events. The Surrey RCMP has requested the City to provide funding in the amount of \$6,000 to offset costs of perimeter fencing, portable washrooms, private first aid team, and supplies.

FUNDING

Staff have evaluated the current request to ensure it is compliant with the Council Initiatives Fund Utilization Policy. Staff recommend that Council support the 2023 RCMP Musical Ride event by providing a funding contribution of \$6,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund. Appendix "I" attached to this report documents the balance in the Council Initiatives Fund based on an assumption that Council will approve the recommendations of this report.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve a funding contribution of \$6,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund in support of the 2023 RCMP Musical Ride event to be held in Surrey on Saturday, June 24 to Sunday, June 25, 2023.

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Appendix "I": Council Initiatives – Allocations for 2023

Appendix “I”



2023 FINANCIAL PLAN COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Description	Amount	Allocation to date	Remaining
Carried Forward from Prior Year	240,000		
2023 Approved Budget	<u>260,000</u>		\$ 500,000
SFU Share the Vibe Community Mixer		5,000	
The Realistic Success Society		5,000	
Rotary District 5050		10,000	
KidSport BC Surrey Chapter		3,000	
Run Surrey Run		20,000	
Desi-Q Cultural Gala - Sher Vancouver		2,500	
U19 Ukrainian Women's Junior Softball Team		5,000	
RCMP Musical Ride (Proposed)		6,000	
Allocations for 2023		<u>\$ 56,500</u>	<u>\$ 443,500</u>