



Corporate Report

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2005

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: November 3, 2005

FROM: General Manager, Planning and Development
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture

SUBJECT: Additional Expenditure Authority for the Construction of the New Surrey Museum

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Approve additional expenditure authority in the amount of \$985,000 for the contract related to the construction of the new Surrey Museum.

BACKGROUND

In July 2004, in accordance with staff's recommendation, Council awarded a contract to Dominion Fairmile Construction Ltd. for the construction of the new Surrey Museum, with the value of the contract being of \$4,530,500. Construction of the project is complete. The expenditure authority, as originally approved by Council, has been fully committed on the project as it was originally designed, including warranties and deficiency holdbacks. However, based on funding made available for the project by the Friends of the Museum Society, some additional furniture, fittings, features and equipment have been added to enhance the completed project.

DISCUSSION

As the construction of the Museum progressed, the Friends of the Museum Society were running a very successful fundraising campaign. The additional funding for the project resulting from this campaign amounted to \$900,000. This additional funding has been used to add elements to the Museum, such as furniture, fittings and equipment in the orientation theatre, additional exhibitry elements, additional building systems such as automatic door controls, outdoor signage, plaza elements such as the Rotary Club Millennium clock and the Anderson Cabin relocation and other more minor items that were not included in the original project budget.

During the course of constructing the project, the Engineering Department requested the contractor proceed with additional off-site works, related to the Highway No. 10 improvements project. This work, in the amount of \$85,000

is being funded from sundry sources within the Engineering Department's approved 2005 budget.

In accordance with purchasing policy, Council authority is required to add expenditure authority to any contract when the additions in total exceed staff expenditure authority.

The above-referenced items, totalling \$985,000, will be funded from the funds donated to the City by the Friends of the Surrey Museum Society and from the City's approved 2005 budget.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve additional expenditure authority in the amount of \$985,000 for the contract related to the construction of the new Surrey Museum.



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