



Corporate Report

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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor and Council** DATE: **July 28, 2008**

FROM: **General Manager, Finance & Technology** FILE: **1850-20**
General Manager, Planning and Development

SUBJECT: **Grants and Commemorative Naming in Memory of Mr. Bob Ackles and Mr. Chuck Bailey**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. Council receive this report as information;
2. Approve a donation of \$1,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund, to the Whalley Little League, in memory of Chuck Bailey, President, Little League BC;
3. Approve a donation of \$1,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund to the BC Football Hall of Fame, in memory of Bob Ackles, President and CEO of the BC Lions Football Club; and
4. Approve the memorialization of the names "Chuck Bailey" and "Bob Ackles" in the City of Surrey, as described in this report.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Chuck Bailey, President of Little League BC, passed away on March 20, 2008. Originally, from Saskatchewan, Mr. Bailey moved to Surrey in the early 1960s. Considered by many as a baseball legend in BC, in the early 1960s, he coached Surrey East Little League and joined Whalley Little League in 1973. In addition to his time spent as a coach, he also served in administrative capacities as the Whalley Little League President, District 3 Coordinator and BC Little League President. Under his leadership, more than 160 district, provincial and national championship pennants were earned by Whalley teams. Mr. Bailey's dedication, for more than 50 years, has made a difference in the life of many children involved in the Whalley Little League. In honour of Mr. Bailey, staff recommends that Council approve a \$1,000 donation, from the Council Initiatives Fund, to the Whalley Little League in his memory.

Mr. Bob Ackles, President and CEO of the BC Lions Football Club, passed away on July 6, 2008. Mr. Ackles was an integral part of, not only the success of the BC Lions, but also building the long-standing relationship between the City of Surrey and the BC Lions Football Club. In honour of Mr. Ackles association with the City of Surrey

through the BC Lions Football Club, staff recommends that Council approve a \$1,000 donation, from Council Initiatives Fund, to the BC Football Hall of Fame in his memory.

Naming Opportunities

Given the strong association of each of these men with the City of Surrey, it is considered reasonable to attach the names "Chuck Bailey" and "Bob Ackles" to some important feature or infrastructure in the City. Subject to Council approval, staff will review options and provide a further recommendation to Council in this regard.

Recent naming examples include 106 Avenue in North Surrey being commemoratively named "Veteran's Way", in honour of Surrey's veterans. In South Surrey, "The Forever Garden" has been dedicated to the youth of Surrey in memory of Pamela Cameron, a local youth who passed away in 1994. Many parks are named in honour of people who have made a significant contribution to the City.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council:

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