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FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **May 21, 2010**

FROM: **General Manager, Finance &
Technology**

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Financial Assistance for a Permanent Building for the Boys & Girls Club of
Surrey**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance and Technology Department recommends that the Finance Committee recommend that Council approve one-time assistance in the amount of \$50,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver (BGCGV) for the construction of a permanent building to house the Boys and Girls Club of Surrey subject to the BGCGV having raised the remainder of the necessary funding (\$450,000) to establish this permanent building.

BACKGROUND

At the May 3rd, 2010 Council-in-Committee meeting, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vancouver made a presentation to Council regarding their desire to establish a permanent building to house the Boys & Girls Club of Surrey. They requested financial support of \$100,000 from the City to achieve this goal. Council directed staff to report back to the Finance Committee.

DISCUSSION

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver (BGCGV) are hoping to establish a permanent clubhouse for the Surrey Boys and Girls Club. The Surrey Boys and Girls Club commenced operation in December 2008 with the Club operating in Old Yale Road Elementary School. The Club provides supervised social, recreational and mentoring programs that help children make better choices. It has a current membership of over 70 children.

The BGCGV is seeking financial support from the City to assist in establishing a permanent building for the Surrey Club that will enable them to support a membership in excess of 200 children. The Surrey School District has committed to provide space on the grounds of Old Yale Road Elementary School for the placement of a modular building for the clubhouse. This is an approach that has been taken in other communities, as it allows the Boys and Girls Club to make use of school yards and gymnasiums for their activities. The BGCGV will enter into an operating agreement with the School District for the use of the site.

This Old Yale Road Elementary School property is designated "Urban" in the OCP. The Planning and Development Department have reviewed the proposal and foresee no issues with respect to

allowing the modular building to be located and to operate on the School site. The applicant will need to apply for and receive a building permit before proceeding with the project.

The BGCGV has advised that the project will cost in the order of \$500,000. BGCGV has advised that they expect to receive a \$50,000 contribution from Variety Club and have advised that other funding partners are prepared to make significant contributions to the project if the City of Surrey demonstrates its commitment to the permanent facility by way of a significant contribution. The BGCGV have requested a \$100,000 grant from the City of Surrey toward the project.

Staff has reviewed this request and recommends that a one-time grant of \$50,000 be awarded to the BGCGV for the purpose of establishing a permanent building to house the Boys and Girls Club of Surrey as generally described in this report and subject to the BGCGV having raised all of the necessary remaining funding (\$450,000) to allow the project to proceed to completion.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The objectives of the Boys and Girls Club of Surrey align with several of the socio-cultural actions contained in the Surrey Sustainability Charter. These include the promotion of a safe, caring, engaged, and liveable community, with a sense of place, that is inclusive of all aspects of diversity and provides a range of educational, recreational, culture and employment opportunities, affordable and appropriate housing, transportation options and personal, health and social services that are accessible to all.

Specifically, this project assists with the following goals:

SC6: Accessible and Appropriately Located Services within the City.

The City will support the equitable distribution of services and amenities for Surrey residents by:

- Providing support for local services organizations, whether governmental or in the non-profit sector for actions that are within the City's mandated responsibilities;
- Continuing to work with the Surrey School District and other community partners to support and develop the initiatives such as the Community Schools Partnership Initiative so that social and health services, as well as recreational, cultural, educational and library services can be provided at the neighbourhood level through the use of schools facilities.

SC7: Participation in Leisure Programs

The City will continue to remove barriers and increase accessibility to participation in its many leisure programs by:

- Increasing the number of free and low cost offerings of leisure programs; and
- Increasing opportunities for access to leisure for children, youth, seniors and those with special needs.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that the Finance Committee recommend that Council approve one-time assistance in the amount of \$50,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver (BGCGV) for the construction of a permanent building to house the Boys and Girls Club of Surrey subject to the BGCGV having raised the remainder of the necessary funding (\$450,000) to establish this permanent building.

If Council accepts the recommendations of this report the un-allocated balance in the Council Initiatives Fund will be \$289,264 as documented in *Appendix A*.

Vivienne Wilke, CGA
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Appendix A Council Initiatives Fund



**2010 FINANCIAL PLAN
COUNCIL INITIATIVES**

Description	Amount	Allocation to date	Remaining
Carried Forward from Prior Year	167,697		
2010 Proposed Budget	250,000		\$ 417,697
Surrey Crime Prevention Society - Anti-Graffiti Program	31,000		
2010 Community Opportunities Strategy	20,000		
Peace Arch Hospital Gala April 2010	2,250		
BC Crime Prevention Annual Symposium	5,000		
Globe 2010 Biennial Trade Fair & Conference	1,633		
BC High School Bhangra Society	1,500		
Flavours of Surrey	15,000		
Canada-India Networking Initiative	800		
Learning Partnership - Tribute Luncheon	1,250		
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vancouver	50,000		
Allocations for 2010		\$ 128,433	\$ 289,264