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FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **July 14, 2010**

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

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **2010 Late Grant Applications**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance & Technology Department recommends that the Finance Committee recommend that Council:

1. Approve a grant of \$740 to the Surrey/White Rock Branch of the Navy League of Canada to assist with off-setting the 2010 property taxes for their leased building in Green Timbers;
2. Approve a grant of \$100 to the Whalley Little League in support of the Drew Henderson Memorial Tournament to be hosted in Surrey City Centre;
3. Approve a grant of \$1,400 to Women Against Violence Against Women to provide 40 survival kits to Surrey students participating in the Super Power School Outreach Program; and
4. Approve the reallocation of \$2,500 from the 2010 Special Recognition grants allocation and \$700 from the 2010 Dry Grad grants allocation to One-Time Grant Funding allocation all as contained in the 2010 Budget.

BACKGROUND

On November 23, 2009, the Finance Committee approved the 2010 One-Time Grants. Since that time, the City has received late grant applications from the Surrey/White Rock Branch of the Navy League of Canada, the Whalley Little League and the Women Against Violence Against Women organization. This report discusses each of these applications.

DISCUSSION

The Grants Evaluation Committee has evaluated the above-referenced late grant applications.

The "Policy on City Grants" (D26) stipulates that late grant applications will only be considered in instances where the requirement for grant funds was not reasonably foreseeable prior to September 30th of the immediately preceding year (i.e., the deadline date by which grant applications are to be submitted to the City for the following year) and if the requirement for funding is critical to the survival of the organization or the event.

The following is a summary of the evaluation of the Grants Committee in relation to each of the referenced late grant applications.

Navy League of Canada, Surrey/White Rock Branch

The Navy League of Canada is a non-profit organization that promotes an interest in maritime affairs and provides training, support and encouragement to youth through their cadet training program. The Navy League is currently leasing one of the Provincial buildings in Green Timbers from the Ministry of Land and Forest. Provincial lands are generally exempt from taxation; however any lessee of Provincial lands is required to pay property taxes on the leased land directly to the City and since the Navy League has leased this property from the Province, the Navy League is required to pay property taxes directly to the City. The Navy League has attempted to apply to the City for a permissive property tax exemption, however due to the fact that they do not own the land, they are not eligible for such an exemption by virtue of the provisions of section 224(2)(b) of the Community Charter. The City of Surrey is currently in negotiations with the Ministry of Land and Forest to purchase these lands. Once that land transfer is complete, the Navy League of Canada would then be in a position to apply for a permissive property tax exemption. The Navy League has applied for a City Grant to off-set the 2010 property taxes. The 2010 property taxes are \$740 for the City portion and \$962 for the portion which is collected for other authorities for a total of \$1,702.

The Grants Evaluation Committee has reviewed this grant application and has determined that this application meets the criteria of the Grants Policy. The Committee recommends that a grant of \$740 be awarded to the Surrey/White Rock Branch of the Navy League of Canada to off-set the City portion of the 2010 property taxes that were paid on the building that organization leases in Green Timbers.

Whalley Little League

The Whalley Little League is hosting the Drew Henderson Memorial Tournament from July 24th through July 30th at the Whalley Athletic Park. Drew Henderson was a long time accomplished Whalley ball player in the late 60's and 70's who died in an accident at an early age. Drew's family were active supporters of the Whalley Little League and this tournament was established in his memory. Each year the tournament is hosted by the parents of the all-star team. It provides 11 year old all-star players and their families a positive baseball experience and an opportunity for development. The tournament organizing committee is estimating that expenses will be approximately \$1,200 and anticipate that they will raise \$1,100 in revenue. The Drew Henderson Tournament Organizing Committee is seeking a financial contribution from the City to assist with offsetting the expenses of this event.

The Grants Evaluation Committee has reviewed this grant application and has determined that this application meets the criteria of the Grants Policy. The Committee recommends that a grant of \$100 be awarded to the Whalley Little League to assist with the expenses of the Drew Henderson Memorial Tournament.

Women Against Violence Against Women (WAVAW)

WAVAW is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that provides sexual assault support services to women in Greater Vancouver. WAVAW is sponsoring the Super Power School Outreach Program, which is a comprehensive, effective, fun and educational presentation to junior and high school students throughout the Lower Mainland. It focuses on the identification of the root cause of violence and encourages thinking around how socialization through the media impacts our minds, how we can value one another in society and what leadership looks like as well as what it means to intervene as a bystander. The Program includes an education manual for teachers and survival kits that include workbooks and resource materials for students. WAVAW is requesting a grant to support this Program. A contribution of \$100 can provide 4 student survival kits, \$250 can provide 10 kits and a contribution of \$1,400 can provide 40 kits with the sponsor company logo printed on the kits.

The Grants Evaluation Committee has reviewed this grant application and has determined that this organization provides a benefit to the community through awareness about violence and motivating youth to take positive action, and as such, satisfies the criteria of the Grants Policy. The Committee recommends that a grant of \$1,400 be awarded to WAVAW to support the Super Power Outreach Program for the purpose of funding survival kits to be distributed to Surrey students.

City Grant Funding

The budget for One-Time Grants has been fully allocated; however, there is currently \$700 of unallocated funding for 2010 High School Dry Grad events, which will all have taken place by this time and \$2,500 for Special Recognition funding, which can be reallocated as Council determines. The Grants Evaluation Committee recommends that Council reallocate \$700 from the 2010 Dry Grads Grant Fund and the \$2,500 from 2010 Special Recognition Grant Fund to the 2010 One-time Grant Fund to provide sufficient funding to support the grants that are being recommended in this report.

Statement of Remaining Funding for Grants

If Council approves the recommendations of this report, the remaining balance in the City Grant Budget will be **\$960** for One-time Grants.

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