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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **September 21, 2010**

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

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Surrey Homelessness & Housing Society and Related Funding**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance and Technology Department recommends that Council authorize the City Clerk to bring forward, for the required readings, an Affordable Housing Special Reserve Fund Expenditure Authorization By-law, attached as **Appendix A** to this report, which will provide for the transfer of the current balance in the City's Affordable Housing Reserve Fund to the Surrey Homelessness and Housing Fund for use by the Surrey Homelessness and Housing Society.

BACKGROUND

In June 2007, Council authorized the establishment of the Surrey Homelessness and Housing Fund (SHHF) within the VanCity Community Foundation with the Surrey Homelessness and Housing Society being responsible for the use of the Fund. At that time, Council approved the transfer of the funding from the City's Affordable Housing Reserve Fund to the SHHF to establish that SHH Fund. The City has transferred \$9,671,450 from City's Affordable Housing Reserve Fund to the SHHF since that time.

DISCUSSION

Funds continue to be accumulated in the City's Affordable Housing Reserve Fund through the repayment of second mortgages that were issued through the Surrey Home Ownership Assistance Program that was in place during the early part of this decade; development contributions from long standing development applications that still maintain a requirement for an affordable housing contribution and interest earned on the balance in the Reserve Fund.

The balance in the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund is currently \$232,027 (Sept/10). The funds that accumulate in this Reserve have been transferred on an annual basis to the SHHF.

An Affordable Housing Special Reserve Fund Expenditure Authorization By-law has been prepared and is attached as **Appendix A** to this report that if adopted will allow for the transfer of \$230,000 from the City's Affordable Housing Reserve Fund to the Surrey Homelessness and Housing Fund.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Contributions to the Surrey Homelessness and Housing Fund support the socio-cultural pillar of the Sustainability Charter and specifically addresses item SC9: Adequate, Appropriate and Affordable Housing.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council authorize the City Clerk to bring forward, for the required readings, the Affordable Housing Special Reserve Fund Expenditure Authorization By-law attached as **Appendix A** to this report that will provide for the transfer of the balance in the City's Affordable Housing Reserve Fund to the Surrey Homelessness and Housing Fund. This Fund is the responsibility of Surrey Homelessness and Housing Society to oversee and use for the purposes of the Society in addressing housing and homelessness issues in Surrey.

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Attachment:
Appendix A: Expenditure Authorization By-law

CITY OF SURREY

BY-LAW NO. xxxxx

A by-law to authorize the expenditure of monies
in the “Affordable Housing Special Reserve Fund”.

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WHEREAS there is a cash balance in the Affordable Housing Special Reserve Fund of approximately Two Hundred Thirty-two Thousand Twenty-seven Dollars (\$232,027) as at September 20, 2010, pursuant to “Affordable Housing Special Reserve Fund By-law, 1999, No. 13812”;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to expend a portion of the monies set aside and the applicable interest earned on it, in the Affordable Housing Special Reserve Fund, in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$230,000) for the purposes of contributing to the Surrey Homelessness and Housing Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Surrey, in open meeting assembled, ENACTS THE FOLLOWING:

1. The sum of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$230,000) is hereby appropriated from the Affordable Housing Special Reserve Fund to contribute to the Surrey Homelessness and Housing Fund.
2. Should any of the above amounts remain unexpended after the expenditures hereby authorized have been made, any unexpended balance shall be returned to the credit of the Affordable Housing Special Reserve Fund.
3. This by-law shall be cited for all purposes as “Affordable Housing Special Reserve Fund Expenditure Authorization By-law, 2010, No. xxxxx”.

PASSED THREE READINGS by the City Council on the _____ day of _____ , 2010.

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed with the Corporate Seal on the _____ day of _____ , 2010.

_____ MAYOR

_____ CLERK