

NO: F028

COUNCIL DATE: November 7, 2011

FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **October 26, 2011**

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

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Surrey Fire Fighters' Historical Society**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance & Technology Department recommends that the Finance Committee recommend that Council approve a grant from the Council Initiatives Fund of \$18,000 to the Surrey Fire Fighters' Historical Society to assist in the costs of restoring a 1958 GMC Surrey Fire Truck that will be displayed by the Society at parades and other events in Surrey.

BACKGROUND

The Surrey Fire Fighters' Historical Society (the "Society") is a registered society. The goal of the Society is to preserve and maintain a fleet of historical fire apparatus that will mark the history of the Surrey Fire Services. The Society currently owns a fully restored 1898 Gudda Percha Hose Reel, a 1919 White Chemical Wagon which is currently in the process of being restored, a fully restored 1921 LaFrance Pumper Truck and a 1958 GMC Fire Truck that is currently in storage.

The GMC Fire Truck was purchased by the City in 1958 in conjunction with the opening of Fire Hall #2 in the Whalley community. This vehicle was the first new fire truck purchased by the City and was deployed as a first response unit for 14 years. It was then used as a second response "back-up" vehicle for several more years before being taken out of service and put into storage.

When the City deemed that it had no further use for the vehicle, the Surrey Fire Fighters' Historical Society saw an opportunity to use the vehicle as an example of the history of the Fire Department and negotiated the acquisition of the truck.

DISCUSSION

This 1958 Fire Truck has been stationary for quite some time and will need to be restored to serve the purpose of a working historical display vehicle. The Society has requested financial support from the City to assist with the costs of the restoration (See Appendix "A" attached to this report).

Once the truck is restored, the Society will use it in parades, community events and charitable fund raising initiatives. This vehicle will be the only vehicle in the Society's fleet that is road worthy thereby allowing greater use of the vehicle since it will not have to be towed to events as is the case with the other historical apparatus owned by the Society.

The Society has estimated that restoring the truck would cost approximately \$25,300 if all the work is performed in a mechanical or body shop, as detailed in Appendix "A". The Society has determined that they can perform some of the restorative work through volunteer efforts and have established that a grant of \$18,000 would allow them to complete the project. The Society will cover the operating costs associated with the use of the restored fire truck.

Staff views the restoration and display at public events of the 1958 fire truck by the Society as a means to further enhance the image of the City and therefore support a grant to the Society.

Funding in support of the recommendation of this report is available in the Council Initiatives Fund as documented in Appendix "B" attached to this report.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that the Finance Committee recommend that Council approve a grant of \$18,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund to the Surrey Fire Fighters' Historical Society to assist in the costs of restoring a 1958 GMC Surrey Fire Truck that will be displayed by the Society at parades and other events in Surrey.

Vivienne Wilke, CGA
General Manager,
Finance & Technology

Appendix A: Letter, dated October 24th, 2011 from the Surrey Fire Fighters' Historical Society
Appendix B: Council Initiatives Fund – Allocations for 2011



SURREY FIRE FIGHTERS' HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **October 24th 2011**

FROM: **Surrey Fire Fighters' Historical Society**

SUBJECT: **Heritage Project**

REQUEST

It is requested that Council consider funding a heritage financial grant for the Surrey Fire Fighters' Historical Society in order to restore our 1958 GMC fire truck.

1.0 DISCUSSION

1. The Surrey Fire Fighters Historical Society is a registered Society in British Columbia. Certificate of Incorporation No. S-25740, Incorporated January 10, 1990. It is the goal of the Society is to preserve and maintain a fleet of fire apparatus marking the history of the Surrey Fire Service.
2. Currently the Society owns:
 - 2.0.1 An 1898 Gudda Percha Hose Reel fully restored. It is believed to have possibly been used by the fire brigade in Surrey Centre as early as 1898; however it most likely was used by the Cloverdale Fire Brigade in 1928.
 - 2.0.2 A 1919 White Chemical Wagon currently being restored was originally a Vancouver fire truck which was purchased by donated funds for use by the Cloverdale Fire Brigade in 1928.
 - 2.0.3 A 1921 LaFrance pumper truck fully restored was rescued from the bog by a group of original Surrey Fire Fighters and donated to the Society.
 - 2.0.4 The GMC was originally purchased by the Surrey Fire Department in 1958 for the opening of Fire Hall 2 in Whalley. What makes the GMC significant is that it was the first new fire truck purchased by the City and it is currently the only original City of Surrey fire truck that the Society owns. It was stationed at Fire Hall 2 for 14 years where it was deployed as the first responding engine. It was then used as a second responding "back up" engine for a few more years before it was taken out of service and put into storage.

The City eventually had no use for keeping the vehicle and was attempting to sell it. Our Historical Society saw this as an opportunity to restore some of the Fire Department's rich history. The Society and the City agreed on a price and cooperated in storing the vehicle for many years.

The truck has been stationary for a long time and is in desperate need of restoration. Much of the work will be done by members of the Historical Society volunteering their time. Having a fleet of fire apparatus from various generations is the goal of the Society. The intent is to have this truck participate in parades, community events, and charitable society fund raising initiatives. The advantage the GMC has over the other apparatus we own is once the truck is fully restored, it will be the only vehicle that is completely road worthy. This will give us the ability to drive it to events rather than have it towed to events.

We believe this restored fire apparatus will be a recognizable symbol of the fire service and will promote good public relations for the fire service and the community in to the future.

2.0 COSTS

Detailed explanation of the restoration work required to restore the truck.

- a. Tear down engine and rebuild to running condition – 20 hours at a mechanical shop. Cost estimate \$3,000
- b. Tear down and rebuild transmission and differential – 20 hours at a transmission shop. Cost estimate \$2,000
- c. Strip vehicle of chrome parts and prepare for sanding, body repair work, undercoating and painting. 25 hours donated time by volunteers.
- d. Sanding, body repair work, undercoating and painting. 50 hours at a body shop. Cost estimate \$7,500
- e. Chroming of bumpers, grille and side rails at a specialty shop. Cost estimate \$3,000
- f. Have a mechanical shop install a new wiring harness for the vehicle. 10 hours Cost estimate \$1,500
- g. Restore wheels/rims. 8 hours at a body shop. Cost estimate \$1,200
- h. Purchase new tires for truck. Cost estimate \$1,800
- i. Purchase replacement parts for interior. Includes reupholstering seat, refurbishing dash and gauges. Cost estimate \$1,800
- j. Miscellaneous parts for lights & siren, fire pump, fire extinguishers, ladders and fire hose. Cost estimate \$3,500

Summary Table of expenses for restoration

| <u>Restoration required</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Detail</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Engine | \$5,000 | Engine and Transmission servicing and parts |
| Electrical | \$1,500 | Re-wiring |
| Interior/Dash | \$1,800 | Re-upholster/ restore dash and gauges |
| Chrome Finishing | \$3,000 | Bumpers/Grill/side rails all chromed |
| Body work/Paint | \$7,500 | New paint/ patch rust and holes |
| Rims/Tires | \$3,000 | New tires and restore rims. |
| Parts and Accessories | \$3,500 | Miscellaneous parts |
| | \$25,300 | |

Over 150 hours of volunteer time for disassembly and reassembly.

3.0 Ongoing Operation

Surrey Fire Fighters Historical Society receives annual grants from Local 1271 membership to cover the annual insurance and routine maintenance costs of \$3,000 /year. This is expected to provide for the ongoing operations of the restored fire truck for many years into the future.

4.0 Conclusion

The Surrey Fire Fighters do not solicit the citizens of Surrey for any donations or funding of it's initiatives that are not related to charitable work and giving back to community. The Surrey Fire Fighers Charitable Society solicits and raises funds from individuals and business' in the City of Surrey and exclusively use those funds to provide programs and benefit back to the community and citizens of the city. Therefore charity funds will not be used to fund the resoration of our truck

It would be a great boost to the Historical Society and the Fire Fighters to receive funds from the City of Surrey for our restoration project. A grant of \$25,300 for preserving the heritage of the Surrey Fire Service, will provide a restored fire truck of historical significance to the Fire Fighters and benefit the citizens of Surrey. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike McNamara
Chair,
Surrey Fire Fighters' Historical Society



2011 FINANCIAL PLAN
COUNCIL INITIATIVES

| Description | Amount | Allocation to date | Remaining |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Carried Forward from Prior Year | 267,341 | | |
| 2011 Proposed Budget | 250,000 | | \$ 517,341 |
| Sponsor Appreciation Event | 10,000 | | |
| RCMP 60th Anniversary Exhibit | 20,000 | | |
| Surrey Minor Hockey - Provincial Championships | 3,000 | | |
| Arts Umbrella Surrey | 25,000 | | |
| 2011 Flavours of Surrey Event | 15,000 | | |
| Red FM 5th Annual Run | 5,000 | | |
| Annual Pride Festival | 1,000 | | |
| Mayor's Charity Ball | 3,250 | | |
| 2011 Canadian Junior Boys Golf Championship | 10,000 | | |
| 2012 Doors Opens Surrey Event | 50,000 | | |
| Break the Silence on Violence Against Women | 10,000 | | |
| Surrey Crime Prevention Society - Annual General Meeting & Awards | 1,000 | | |
| SFU - Diwali Dinner | 2,500 | | |
| SFU - Annual Gala Dinner | 5,000 | | |
| SFU - Annual Gala Dinner - Councillor Attendance | 2,000 | | |
| SASSY Awards | 2,500 | | |
| Hargobind International Wrestling Championship | 11,000 | | |
| Surrey City Orchestra | 40,000 | | |
| Surrey Fire Fighters' Historical Society | 18,000 | | |
| Allocations for 2011 | | \$ 234,250 | \$ 283,091 |