

NO: **F023**

COUNCIL DATE: **May 7, 2012**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **April 30, 2012**

FROM: **General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture** FILE: **8200-01**
General Manager, Finance and Technology

SUBJECT: **Canadian Youth Chess Championship in Surrey – Request for Funding Assistance**

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department and the Finance and Technology Department recommend that the Finance Committee recommend that Council approve financial support for the BC Junior Chess Club (the “Club”) in the amount of \$ 1,000 to be allocated from the Council Initiatives Fund to assist the Club with some of the costs associated with hosting the Canadian Youth Chess Championships as described in this report.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to provide information in relation to a request that has been received from the BC Junior Chess Club by way of an email (copy attached as Appendix “A”) for funding to offset some of the costs associated with hosting the Canadian Youth Chess Championship (CYCC) which are being held at the Sheraton Guildford Hotel from July 3rd through July 6th, 2012 and to recommend that the City provide financial support

BACKGROUND

The Canadian Youth Chess Championship (CYCC) is the premier annual youth chess event in Canada. The CYCC Organizing Committee is pleased to be hosting the event in Surrey in 2012. The event will involve 175 players ranging in age from 6 years old to 17 years old. The event will include players from every Province.

DISCUSSION

The CYCC is a qualifier event for the World Youth Chess Championships (WYCC) that will be held in Maribor, Slovenia from November 7th to 19th, 2012. The winner in each of the age category at the 2012 CYCC will become part of Team Canada, which will participate in the WYCC. The CYCC event requires funding for trophies, tournament site rental and prizes.

The Canadian Youth Chess Championship will act to enhance the profile of Surrey’s “Ahead of the Game” Sport Tourism initiative and will reinforce the image of the City as a hosting destination for all types of competitions.

The event does not qualify for a grant under the City's Grant Policy but staff views the event as having merit in relation to building image and profile of the City as referenced above. On that basis, it is proposed that Council provide financial support for the subject event from the Council Initiatives Fund.

Status of the Council Initiatives Fund:

Appendix "B" provides the status of funding in the Council Initiatives Fund on an assumption that Council will approve the recommendation of this report.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Hosting the Canadian Youth Chess Championship in Surrey supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter; more particularly, Charter action item SC12: *"Encourage and facilitate volunteerism and participation in community activities by persons of all ages, abilities and cultural communities."*

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that the Finance Committee recommend that Council approve financial support for the BC Junior Chess Club (the "Club") in the amount of \$1,000 to be allocated from the Council Initiatives Fund to assist the Club with some of the costs associated with hosting the Canadian Youth Chess Championships in Surrey in July 2012.

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Appendix "A" – Correspondence from Canadian Youth Chess Championship
Appendix "B" – Status of the Council Initiatives Fund

Correspondence from Canadian Youth Chess Championship

Mayor Watts,

I am part of the organizing committee who will be welcoming kids from all over Canada to the Canadian Youth Chess Championship (CYCC), which will be held in Surrey, BC on July 3-6th (Sheraton Guildford Hotel will be the tournament site).

The CYCC is the premier annual youth chess event in Canada. Canadian youths vie to become the National Champion in their age category (sections are divided by gender and age) and win a birth into the World Youth Chess Championship.

We would like to invite you to be part of the opening ceremonies on July 3rd (exact time to be announced) to welcome the chess playing youths of Canada to Surrey, BC.

We would also like to know if the City of Surrey would like to be a sponsor for this excellent chess tournament? This event which is targeted in welcoming in excess of 150 players and their families to Surrey, requires a great deal of planning and funding to provide trophies, tournament site rental, volunteers, chess equipment, etc. to make for a very memorable experience for the kids.

Would you like to be a part of the 2012 Canadian Youth Chess Championship?

Here is our link on the BC Junior Chess website:

<http://www.bcjuniorchess.com/cycc-2012/>

You can also find us on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Canadian-Youth-Chess-Championship-2012/252531104828329>

If you are interested, please contact me at [REDACTED] to discuss further.

Thank you,

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2012 FINANCIAL PLAN
COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Appendix B

Description	Amount	Allocation	
		to date	Remaining
2012 Approved Budget	<u>250,000</u>		\$ 530,741
Arts Umbrella Surrey (2nd year of 3-year program)	25,000		
Arts Umbrella re: Tenant Improvements	50,000		
Sophie's Place	25,800		
Sponsor Appreciation Event	10,000		
2012 BC AAA Short Course Championship	3,000		
Rick Hansen "Many in Motion" Relay Celebration	2,000		
City of Bhangra Festival (1st Year of 3-year Program)	15,000		
Canadian Youth Chess Championship	1,000		
Allocations for 2012		<u>\$ 131,800</u>	<u>\$ 398,941</u>