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FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **May 24, 2012**

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

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Late Grant Applications for 2012**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance & Technology Department recommends that the Finance Committee recommend that Council approve the following with funding from the “One Time Grants” budget:

- a grant of \$1,000 to the Ocean Park Business Association to offset some of the costs associated with Ocean Park Day, which will take place on June 16th, 2012; and
- in partnership with the Canadian National Christian Foundation as described in this report, a grant of \$5,000 to the Surrey Canadian Baseball Association to support a coaching clinic that was held on April 14th & 15th, 2012.

BACKGROUND

On January 16, 2012, the Finance Committee approved the City’s 2012 Grants. Since that time, staff has received late grant applications from the Ocean Park Business Association and the Surrey Canadian Baseball Association. This report describes each of these applications and the evaluation of the applications against the City’s Grant criteria.

DISCUSSION

The “Policy on City Grants” (D26 – “the Policy”) provides that late grant applications will only be considered in instances where the requirement for grant funding was not reasonably foreseeable prior to September 30th of the immediately preceding year (i.e., the deadline date by which grant requests 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 brief description of each of two late applications for grants that have been received by the City along with an evaluation of the application in relation to the criteria in the Policy.

Ocean Park Business Association

The Ocean Park Business Association will hold the 13th Annual Ocean Park Day on June 16th, 2012. This event is organized by business owners and community volunteers. The day long festival will include activities for families, food, and live entertainment in and around the Village of Ocean Park. The purpose of the event is to build community spirit and ownership among residents and

businesses in Ocean Park. The festival will encourage neighbours and visitors to the area to “walk the village” and encourage people to get to know one another to create a more connected community. The Ocean Park Business Association has submitted a request for a grant in the amount of \$1,000 to support this event. The funds will be used to offset some of the costs of hosting the event including marketing, entertainment and other miscellaneous costs.

Staff has evaluated this application and recommends that a grant of \$1, 000 be approved for this event.

Surrey Canadian Baseball Association

The Surrey Canadian Baseball Association (SCBA) is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization that promotes the game of baseball while teaching sportsmanship and mutual respect and developing community spirit among the participants. On April 14th & 15th the SCBA held a baseball clinic that was hosted by former professional baseball pitcher Brian Holman. The event was held at no charge to participants to ensure that all interested children and youth would be able to participate. A private donor sponsored this event with a \$5,000 contribution through the Canadian National Christian Foundation (CNCF); however, due to a restriction in the CNCF’s donation policy they have been unable to complete this commitment to the event organizers. CNCF has asked the City partner with them in order to facilitate the donation to the SCBA. The CNCF will forward the donor’s \$5,000 contribution on to the City who will then distribute the funds to the SCBA.

Staff is satisfied with the above described process and recommends that Council support the grant of \$5000 to the SCBA subject the partnership with the CNCF.

Remaining Funding in the 2012 Grants Budget:

On an assumption that Council will approve the recommendation of this report, the remaining balances in the City Grants Budget are:

Special Recognition Funds	\$ 2,500
Property Taxes	2,600
High School Dry Grads	1,100
One-time Grants	<u>6,250</u>
	<u>\$12,450</u>

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