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COUNCIL DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2014

FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **January 27, 2014**

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

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Surrey Fire Fighters' Historical Society – Grant for Restoration of Fire Truck**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance & Technology Department recommends that the Finance Committee recommend that Council approve a grant from the Council Initiatives Fund of \$12,500 to the Surrey Fire Fighters' Historical Society to assist in completing the restoration of a 1958 GMC Surrey Fire Truck that will be displayed by the Society at parades and other events.

BACKGROUND

In November 2011, Council provided \$18,000 to the Surrey Fire Fighters' Historical Society (the "Society") to assist with the restoration of a 1958 GMC Surrey Fire Truck that the Society acquired from the City after the truck had been retired from service. In addition to this vehicle, the Society also owns a fully restored 1898 Gudda Percha Hose Reel, a 1919 White Chemical Wagon which is currently in the process of being restored and a fully restored 1921 LaFrance Pumper Truck.

The Society has completed a significant amount of restoration work on the 1958 Fire Truck; however they have found the restoration costs have exceeded their expectations to bring this vehicle back to full road worthy condition.

DISCUSSION

The Surrey Fire Fighters' Historical Society is seeking financial support to complete the restoration of the 1958 GMC Fire Truck, the first ever new fire truck that was purchased by the City of Surrey. A copy of a letter from the Society, dated December 4, 2014, containing their request is attached as Appendix A. When the vehicle is restored, the Society plans to use it in parades, community events and charitable society fund-raising initiatives. This vehicle will be the only vehicle in the Society's fleet that is road worthy, thus allowing greater flexibility in its use. The other vehicles in the Society's fleet need to be towed to events.

The cost of restoring this Fire Truck was initially estimated at \$25,300 plus in-kind contributions, with the City providing \$18,000. The Society has been able to raise \$12,800 in cash and \$10,500 worth of in-kind services; however a further \$12,500 is required to complete the restoration. The Society has requested that the City provide this remaining amount to complete the final stages of this restoration project. Funding to support this recommendation is available in the Council Initiatives Fund.

Although the request does not satisfy the criteria to be considered for a one-time grant, staff views the project as being valuable to the image of the City and would support a grant from the Council Initiatives Fund in the amount requested by the Society.

Status of Council Initiatives Fund

The status of the Council Initiatives Fund is documented in Appendix B on an assumption that Council will approve the recommendation of this report.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that the Finance Committee recommend to Council that a grant of \$12,500 from the Council Initiatives Fund be provided to the Surrey Fire Fighters' Historical Society to assist in completing the restoration of a 1958 GMC Surrey Fire Truck that will be displayed by the Society at parades and other events

Vivienne Wilke, CGA
General Manager,
Finance & Technology

Attachments:

- Appendix A: Letter from the Surrey Fire Fighters' Historical Society, dated December 4, 2013
- Appendix B: Council Initiatives Fund – Allocations for 2014



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DATE: December 4, 2013

TO: Mayor & Council

FROM: Surrey Fire Fighters' Historical Society

SUBJECT: Heritage Project

TO: council

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VC: Finance

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

1. Detailed explanation for the restoration work required to restore the truck.
2. Engine accessories include items needed for the engine to run for example a fuel delivery system and a cooling system.
3. Lighting system upgrades consist of converting tail lights, marker lights, headlights and emergence lights to LED for higher visibility.
4. Because it is our long term goal to use the 1958 GMC as a towing vehicle for our 1922 white chemical truck, the addition of a power steering system is necessary.
5. The 1958 GMC originally came with a manual hydraulic brake system, our goal is to add a power air over hydraulic system to shorten braking distance and make the truck much safer.
6. The replacement of all glass is needed as most is the original glass from 1958 and because it is 55 years old and it has become all but impossible to see through.
7. To maximize the effect of the new drive train system, new exhaust is needed to meet legal requirements.
8. All the rubber seal in the entire truck are dry and cracked rendering them to not function.
9. A wooden hose rack must be fabricated to match the original one form 1958. . This will ensure the hose is visible and kept out of standing water.
10. The hose reels are going to be the focal point of the middle of the truck and will require sand blasting, powder coating and chroming to fit the overall theme of the truck.
11. A custom transmission cooling system will need to be installed to ensure the truck will function as a tow rig long term.

<u>Original Estimate</u>	<u>Original Costs</u>	<u>Detail</u>
1. Engine	\$5000.00	Engine and Transmission servicing and parts
2. Electrical	\$1500.00	Re-wiring
3. Interior/Dash	\$1800.00	Re-upholster/restore dash and gauges
4. Chrome Finishing	\$3000.00	Bumpers/Grill/side rails all chrome

5. Bodywork/Paint	\$7500.00	New paint/patch rust and holes
6. Rims/Tires	\$3000.00	New Tires and restore rims
7. Parts and Accessories	\$3500.00	Miscellaneous parts
Total	\$25,300.00	

<u>Revised Restoration required</u>	<u>Revised Costs</u>	<u>Detail</u>
1. Engine accessories	\$1500.00	Carburetor, alternator, radiator
2. Lighting upgrades	\$1000.00	New LED tail lights, marker lights and headlights for better safety
3. Steering system upgrades	\$1500.00	Adding a completely new updated power steering system
4. Full new brake system	\$3000.00	Air over hydraulic system by Sweeting Performance Engineering & Design
5. Glass	\$1000.00	New front, rear, side and vent window glass
6. Full exhaust system	\$1200.00	Full custom exhaust system from front to back
7. Weather stripping	\$800.00	Weather stripping is the rubber seals that keep water out of compartments and the inside of the truck
8. Wood hose bed rack	\$500.00	The wood rack will raise the level of hose beds in order to keep the hose dry
9. Hose reel refurbish	\$1500.00	Both side hose reels need to be dismantled rebuilt and re-chromed
10. Transmission cooling system	\$500.00	Custom cooling system for transmission
Total	\$12,500.00	

3.0 Ongoing Operation

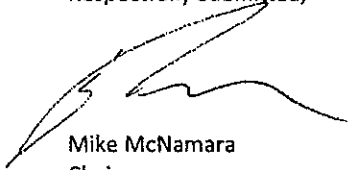
Surrey Fire Fighters Historical Society receives annual grants from Local 1271 membership to cover the annual insurance and routine maintenance costs of \$3,000 /year. This is expected to provide for the ongoing operations of the restored fire truck for many years into the future.

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 Fighters 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 \$12,500 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



2014 FINANCIAL PLAN
COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Appendix B

Description	Amount	Allocation	
		to date	Remaining
2014 Approved Budget	<u>250,000</u>		\$ 353,026
City of Bhangra Festival (Year 3 of 3)	15,000		
Break the Silence on Violence against Women (year 2 of 2)	5,000		
My Neighbourhood, My futures Initiative (year 2 of 5)	40,000		
Surrey Steps Up: Youth Engagement Guest Speaker	5,000		
BC Championship Female Hockey Association	3,250		
Surrey Fire Fighters' Historical Society	12,500		
Allocations for 2014		<u>\$ 80,750</u>	<u>\$ 272,276</u>