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COUNCIL DATE: September 28, 2015

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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **September 21, 2015**

FROM: **General Manager, Parks Recreation  
and Culture**

FILE: **8200-01**

SUBJECT: **Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission Legacy Book Project**

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## RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department recommends that Council endorse the recommendation the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission (SHAC) made on September 16, 2015 in advance of the adoption of the SHAC Minutes, to authorize staff to allocate \$40,000 from the Commission's Unrestricted Reserve Fund to be used in support of the Commission's Canada 150 Surrey history book project.

## BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION:

The SHAC has proposed a heritage book project to research, write and publish a local history on the growth and development of Surrey as a legacy commemoration for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017. Surrey is one of the only major cities within the Lower Mainland that does not have a modern local history book available for research, enjoyment, education and promotion. *The Surrey Story*, a narrative history of Surrey published in 1978 has been out of print for more than twenty years. The Commission's publication will be in keeping with the heritage vignette, highlight, and graphic style of recent contemporary local history books, rather than a detailed, chronological recounting of facts and dates favoured by past local history publications.

This two year capital project will commence in 2016 with a research and writing phase (\$55,000) and in 2017 with the publication layout, design and printing (\$64,500). The balance of the funding required to support this project has been identified in the City's 2016 Financial Plan. Revenues generated from the future sale of the book will come back to the City.

The Heritage Commission will launch the new Surrey history book on July 1, 2017 at an event in conjunction with Surrey's civic Canada Day celebrations. The new Surrey history book will be available for sale at Surrey's civic heritage facilities and for distribution by the Mayor's Office as commemorative City gifts. A sub-committee of the SHAC, chaired by Staff, would oversee the project.

On September 16, 2015, the SHAC approved a motion (See **Appendix I**) to authorize staff to allocate \$40,000 from the Commission's Unrestricted Reserve Fund to be used for the heritage book project.

## **SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

The implementation of the recommendation of this report will assist in achieving the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter; more particularly the following action items:

- SC4: Cultural Awareness in the Community;
- SC8: Municipal Outreach, Public Education and Awareness; and
- SC10: Historical and Heritage Assets.

## **CONCLUSION:**

In order for the publication to be ready by July 1, 2017, the project needs to move to the procurement stage as soon as possible in order to accommodate the research and writing phase of the project. This phase of the project needs to begin by January 2016. It is recommended that Council endorse the recommendation made by SHAC on September 16, 2015 in advance of the adoption of the SHAC Minutes, which will not occur until October 28, 2015.

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General Manager  
Parks, Recreation and Culture

**APPENDIX I**

Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission - Draft Minutes of September 15, 2015

**SURREY HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDATION INDEX  
Wednesday, September 16, 2015**

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- 1. Heritage Advisory Commission Canada 150 Surrey History Book Project**  
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That Council authorize staff to allocate \$40,000 from the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission (SHAC) Unrestricted Reserve Budget to be used in support of the Heritage Advisory Commission Canada 150 Surrey History Book Project.