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COUNCIL DATE: April 3, 2017

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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **March 31, 2017**

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

FILE: **1850-01**

SUBJECT: **Sponsorship Request –The Debaters**

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Finance and Technology Department recommend that Council:

1. receive this report as information; and
2. authorize, from the Council Initiatives Fund, the purchase of a \$350 table, for “The Debaters”, a competition presented by Surrey Newton Rotary’s, which will be held on Saturday April 15, 2017.

## INTENT

The City has received a request from the Surrey Newton Rotary to attend their debate competition which will be held on Saturday April 15, 2017, at the Taj Park Convention Centre in Surrey. This report addresses that request.

## DISCUSSION

The Surrey Newton Rotary is hosting a debating competition, designed to engage youth in social and economic issues. The competition is open to Grade 11 and 12 students in public high school who plan to continue with post-secondary studies. Five students will become eligible to earn a \$3,000 scholarship. Debate topics will include:

- Parents should choose whether their children are vaccinated.
- University education should be free.
- Leaders must have integrity.
- Intelligence is genetic/environmental.
- Social media has made us more social.
- Is global warming an issue?
- NAFTA: Yes or No?
- Is gender equality possible?
- Are immigrants progressing faster than citizens?
- Uber: Yes or No?

The Surrey Newton Rotary has asked the City to support this event through the purchase of a \$350 table for 10, which will allow all of Council to support and encourage youth in developing their leadership skills. Staff is recommending that Council consider purchasing a table for 10 in order to be able to attend this event.

## **FUNDING**

Appendix "1" attached to this report documents the balance in the Council Initiatives Fund based on an assumption that Council will approve the recommendations of this report.

## **SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS**

The Surrey Newton Rotary's Debaters event supports the overall objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter as related to the theme of Education and Culture. Specifically, this grant will support the following Desired Outcomes:

- Learning DO1: Surrey has a culture of learning, with a broad range of diverse learning opportunities available and accessible to meet the needs of all residents; and
- Learning DO2: Surrey children and youth have access to a high quality comprehensive and inclusive educational system, and opportunities that include experiences in and out of school.

## **CONCLUSION**

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council authorize, from the Council Initiatives Fund, the purchase of a \$350 table for Surrey Newton Rotary's Debate Competition that will be held on April 15, 2017.

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Attachment:

Appendix "1" - Status of Council Initiatives Fund

# APPENDIX "I"



## 2017 FINANCIAL PLAN COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Description	Amount	Allocation to date	Remaining
Carried Forward from Prior Year	8,000		
<b>2017 Adopted Budget</b>	<u>250,000</u>		<b>\$ 258,000</b>
My Neighbourhood, My futures Initiative (year 5 of 5)		40,000	
Surrey Poet Laureate (Year 3 of 3)		10,000	
C <sub>2</sub> U Expo		20,000	
Indo-Canadian Dental Association Gala		2,500	
100th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge Battle		2,000	
<b>The Debaters - Proposed</b>		<b>350</b>	
<b>Allocations for 2017</b>		<u>\$ 74,850</u>	<u>\$ 183,200</u>