

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council **DATE: April 19, 2017**

FROM: Acting General Manager, Finance & Technology **FILE: 1850-20**

**SUBJECT: Late Grant Application – 3300 British Columbia Regiment (Bhai Kanhaiya)
Royal Canadian Army Cadets Corps**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance & Technology Department recommends that Council approve a grant of \$1,000 from the 2017 One-Time Grants Budget to the 3300 British Columbia Regiment (Bhai Kanhaiya) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps (“3300 RCACC”) to assist with the costs associated with their 2017 Freedom of the City event, on May 6, 2017.

BACKGROUND

On November 21, 2016, Council approved the City’s 2017 Community Grants. Since that time, the City has received a late grant application from 3300 RCACC. This report will address this request.

DISCUSSION

The 3300 RCACC of Surrey was founded in November 2012 to honour the heritage of Sikhs in the Canadian Forces. It is one of the fastest growing cadet units in British Columbia with over 70 youth aged between 12 and 18. The army cadets program has been successful in providing unique experiences to youth in Surrey as it instills the tradition of service and values-based citizenship. The Cadets learn valuable life and work skills such as teamwork, leadership, integrity and professionalism.

The 3300 RCACC of Surrey is hosting their Freedom of the City event on May 6, 2017 in Surrey. Freedom of the City is a traditional honour granted to military units, often to mark a long history of service in a community. Over 70 Cadets will participate in this symbolic parade from Holland Park to City Hall Plaza to uphold a centuries-old military tradition. The 3300 RCACC is seeking a grant of \$3,000 to offset costs associated with hosting the 2017 Freedom of the City event in Surrey.

The Grants Evaluation Committee has evaluated this request and has determined that a grant of \$1,000 would be reasonable in the context of similar requests that the City has received from other organizations involved in hosting events, and for which the City has provided financial assistance. It is further recommended that this funding be provided from the Unallocated One-time grant funding.

Statement of Remaining Funding in the 2017 Grants Budget:

Should Council approve the Grants Evaluation Committee recommendation, Appendix “I” outlines the remaining balances for the 2017 City Grants Budget.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Through the array of grants and sponsorships provided to community groups, the City is able to support the objectives of the Sustainability Charter. This request will specifically support the following Desired Outcomes:

- Inclusion DO23: Numerous active local clubs, groups and agencies contribute to the community’s well-being; 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 approve from the remaining 2017 Grants Budget, a grant of \$1,000 to 3300 British Columbia Regiment (Bhai Kanhaiya) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps from the 2017 Unallocated One-time grant funding.

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Appendix “I” – 2017 Community Grants



2017 COMMUNITY GRANTS

Description	Unallocated Balance
Grants for Property Taxes	
Opening Balance	\$ 5,000
Available for Future Allocation	\$ 5,000
Grants for Dry Grads	
Opening Balance	\$ 4,500
Allocated via Corporate Report 2016-F004	(500)
Available for Future Allocation	\$ 4,000
Grants for Special Recognition	
Opening Balance	\$ 5,000
Available for Future Allocation	\$ 5,000
Grants for One-time	
Opening Balance	\$ 62,000
Allocated via Corporate Report 2016-F004	(56,350)
Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society	(1,500)
3300 BCR Bhai Kanhaiya RCACC (Proposed)	(1,000)
Available for Future Allocation	\$ 3,150