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COUNCIL DATE: April 23, 2018

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council **DATE: April 12, 2018**

FROM: General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture **FILE: 8200-01**
General Manager, Finance

SUBJECT: Canucks Autism Network 10th Birthday Festival 2018 – Funding Request

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department and the Finance Department recommend that Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Approve funding in the amount of \$5,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund to support the Canucks Autism Network 10th Birthday Festival.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for funding from the Council Initiatives Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to support the Canucks Autism Network 10th Birthday Festival at Surrey Civic Plaza on Saturday July 7th, 2018.

BACKGROUND

Canucks Autism Network (CAN) was founded in 2008 by Vancouver Canucks Co-owners, Paolo and Clara Aquilini, whose son has autism. CAN is dedicated to providing year-round sports and recreation programs for children, teens, young adults and families living with autism, while increasing autism awareness and providing training in communities across British Columbia.

Since fall 2012, CAN and the City of Surrey have successfully delivered adapted sports and recreation programs throughout Surrey. These programs include weekly swim, skate, physical literacy, soccer, basketball and hockey lessons; as well as bike and multisport day camps. Through this collaboration, we have positively impacted hundreds of individuals and families with autism in the City of Surrey, providing opportunities that may not have been possible before our collaboration.

CAN has also worked closely with the City of Surrey in delivering autism training to city employees in day camp, aquatic and arena programs. By sharing our knowledge, we have been able to further increase capacity throughout the City of Surrey, empowering city employees with the skills and confidence to also support individuals with autism within their own programs.

DISCUSSION

In celebration of CAN's 10-year anniversary, the Canucks Autism Network with the support of the City of Surrey, will host the CAN Birthday Festival on Saturday, July 7th, 2018, at Surrey Civic Plaza. Given the City's strong relationship with CAN it is very fitting to host this milestone event in Surrey.

The CAN Birthday Festival will feature family-friendly birthday games and attractions in the daytime, followed by an evening concert performance. This one-of-a-kind birthday party will also see special appearances from Vancouver Canucks representatives and other local celebrities.

This event will provide an opportunity for the community to participate in a free family event and will assist in building autism awareness in the Lower Mainland.

FUNDING

Appendix "I" 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 recommendations of this report support the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter 2.0. In particular, the recommendation related to the Sustainability Charter themes of Inclusion and Economy. Specifically, the acquisition supports the following Strategic Directions (SD) and Desired Outcomes (DO):

- Community Pride and Engagement SD18: Celebrate and build upon what makes us proud of our community.
- Community Pride and Engagement DO22: There is a high rate of volunteerism among people of all ages and abilities.
- Community Pride and Engagement DO23: Numerous active local clubs, groups and agencies contribute to the community's well-being.
- Education & Culture, DO 9: Surrey supports and celebrates its diverse artists, cultures and community heritage through inclusive festivals, programming and events.
- Economy DO12: The City is a destination for visitors, which generates tourism revenue.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve financial support for the Canucks Autism Network 10th Birthday Festival in the amount of \$5,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund. This will assist with offsetting the costs of producing and promoting the community celebration.

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Appendix "I": Status of the Council Initiatives Fund

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APPENDIX "I"



2018 FINANCIAL PLAN COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Description	Amount	Allocation to date	Remaining
Carried Forward from Prior Year			
adjusted for amounts not utilized	600		
2018 Adopted Budget	260,000		\$ 260,600
2018 Sponsor Appreciation Event		10,000	
All Aboard Wanderlust - JustKids Program		2,500	
Young Agrarians Land Matching		10,000	
SFU President's Surrey Gala		5,000	
Foam Free Vaisakhi Initiative		5,000	
Indo-Canadian Dental Association (Proposed)		2,500	
Darpan Extraordinary Achievement Awards (Proposed)		7,000	
Canucks Autism Network (CAN) 2018 (Proposed)		5,000	
Youth Helping Youth Society (Proposed)		250	
Allocations for 2018		\$ 47,250	\$ 213,400