

# Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement

## Traffic Fine Revenue Grant

In 2009, the Province of BC (the Province) and the City of Surrey (the City) entered into the Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement, whereby the Province agreed to restructure the Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing (TFRS) grants over the next two years and the City agreed to set out a plan for the intended use of the funds and report publicly on the progress of that plan. This agreement was extended into 2011.

The City has received, or is anticipating receiving the following amounts:

<b>Strategic Community Investment Funds</b>	<b>Use</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
TFRS Grants	Defray the cost of local police services	March 2011	\$ 3,103,761
		July 2011	4,930,598
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,034,359</b>

The TFRS grant has historically been used 100% to support policing services within the City. When this agreement was entered into, Council determined that the City would continue to commit the TFRS grant to defray the cost of policing services over the years of the agreement. In the 2011 Financial Statements, \$5,965,185 was committed to policing services, with the remaining \$2,069,174 deferred to the 2012 Financial Plan.

For the 2011/2012 fiscal year, the City added 10 new RCMP contract members (a combination of RCMP members and community safety officers). For the 2012/2013 fiscal year, the City plans to add an additional 10 new RCMP contract members and financial support for 4 more Integrated Service members. These additions ensure that the City maintains its current officers per citizen ratio and support the City's Crime Reduction Strategy.

The City of Surrey Crime Reduction Strategy is an innovative problem solving approach to addressing the causes and effects of crime. Three fundamental policing philosophies remain the cornerstones of our approach to Crime Reduction:

1. Community Policing - which is deeply rooted in the belief that crime and public safety issues are a shared responsibility between police and the community. As such, communities play an integral role in any policing strategy and should be engaged as active partners in the delivery of police programs and services operating within the traditional policing model structure (e.g., from crime prevention and education to intelligence, investigation, enforcement and victim support). Emphasis is placed on positive police-community interaction to foster dialogue, build relationships and ultimately mobilize partnerships within the community that will result in a more collective and proactive response to local crime and safety issues. This client-centred approach involves working collaboratively in and with communities at all levels to systematically identify and respond to the issues and social needs that underlie many community crime problems (i.e. causal factors).

2. Intelligence-led Policing - which acknowledges that research, analysis and evidence-based decision-making are critical to effective and efficient policing and that reliable and timely crime analysis should be a fundamental driver in the mobilization of both police and community resources (i.e. enforcement, investigation and prevention measures proactively targeting habitual offenders, high crime areas and crime causation factors). Intelligence supports understanding the relationship between crime and community which assists in mobilizing community resources towards an effective response.
3. Integrated Policing – which recognizes that success in crime reduction is contingent on our ability to coalesce otherwise divergent organizations and operate in an inclusive yet seamlessly integrated approach to a police services delivery that remains flexible and responsive (i.e. rapidly deployable). The ability to “seamlessly” integrate police services across the Detachment and policing jurisdictions with common public safety issues and policing priorities will maximize resources, develop a greater understanding of operational environments, and increases the ability to respond in a timely and well coordinated fashion.

Through the focus on the fundamental policing philosophies and the increases in policing resources, the City has experienced reductions in assaults, property crimes, criminal code violations and drug possessions. In addition, several community based initiatives were delivered, these include:

- Opened a new satellite office to increase visibility, deter crime and better connect with the community in Surrey’s City Centre;
- Hosted shred-a-thon events across the City to promote awareness of identity fraud;
- Worked in partnership with CUPE 402 and the Crime Reduction Office to develop and implement the City Watch program;
- Partnered with various community agencies to provide Surrey youth with positive recreational and social developmental opportunities through such programs as the Surrey RCMP Junior Police Academy and various tournaments and sports programs;
- Developed and implemented operational plans for a number of large, high-profile community events, and
- Wrap Program – a partnership with the Surrey School District that is designed to provide intervention based program for gang and gang-associated youth.