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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **March 26, 2013**

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

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Late Grant Application – Annual Pride Festival**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Finance & Technology Department recommends that the Finance Committee recommend that Council approve a grant of \$1,000 to the Surrey Pride Society in support of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Pride Festival that is scheduled to be held at Holland Park on Sunday, July 7, 2013.

## **BACKGROUND**

On November 28, 2012, the Finance Committee approved the City's 2013 Community Grants. Since that time, staff has received a late grant application from the Surrey Pride Society. This report describes that application and an evaluation of the application against the City Grant criteria.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Surrey Pride Society has submitted a grant request to support the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Surrey Pride Festival. As this is the first time the Surrey Pride Society has submitted an application for a community grant, they were not aware of the submission deadline and therefore the requirement was not reasonably foreseeable at that time.

The Surrey Pride Society is a non-profit society that holds social events, raises awareness and provides advocacy services for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (L.G.B.T.Q.) community in Surrey. The annual Pride Festival acts as their primary fundraiser, providing the Society with the ability to host LGBTQ events throughout the year.

The Surrey Pride Society is requesting sponsorship for their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Pride Festival, which will be held at Holland Park on Sunday, July 7, 2013. With a theme of "All for Pride – Pride for All" this event will be open to all and will include a main stage with a variety of entertainment along with an array of other activities on the site.

Staff has evaluated the application against the City's "One Time" Grants policy and has determined that a grant of \$1,000 is supportable, which is consistent with the support provided by the City to other festivals of a similar scale.

**Remaining Funding in the 2013 Grants Budget:**

Based on an assumption that Council will approve the recommendation of this report, the remaining balances in the Community Grants Budget are:

Special Recognition Funds	\$2,500
Property Taxes	5,000
High School Dry Grads	1,500
One-Time Grants	<u>11,200</u>
	<u>\$20,200</u>

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