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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council **DATE: June 6, 2016**

FROM: General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture **FILE: 1850-01**
General Manager, Finance and Technology

SUBJECT: Funding Request - Whalley Little League 60th Anniversary

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Approve financial support for the Whalley Little League in the amount of \$2,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund to facilitate the production and promotion of the community celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Whalley Little League.

BACKGROUND

The Whalley Little League (the 'League') was established in 1956. To commemorate its 60 year anniversary the League is planning a community celebration on July 9th at Whalley Athletic Park. The celebration will include an Alumni Game, BBQ and many more fun events for current and past players, coaches and their families.

DISCUSSION

The League has been based out of Whalley Athletic Park for the past 60 years. The League is committed to developing young players from ages 6 to 18. The League is a baseball institution in Surrey that has consistently produced championship teams at the district, provincial and national level, representing Canada at the Little League World Series five times. Since 2002, the League has also offered the Challenger Division; this is a division that provides opportunities for children with disabilities to participate in the sport of baseball.

Creating an opportunity for the community to celebrate the history and legacy of the League builds community pride and recognizes the extensive volunteer commitment to the sport.

The current League executive has been planning the 60th Anniversary for many months, promoting the event on their website, Facebook page, through local media and direct connections with past alumni. The event promises to be a true celebration of the rich history of the League.

The status of the Council Initiative Fund is documented in Appendix “I” attached to this report including the allocation recommended in this report.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The League’s 60th Anniversary event will serve to address several of the Desired Outcomes and support Strategic Directions found under multiple themes identified in the Sustainability Charter 2.0. This report relates to the Sustainability Charter themes of Inclusion, and Health and Wellness. Specifically the funding supports the following Desired Outcomes:

- Inclusion DO23: Numerous active local clubs, groups and agencies contribute to the community’s well-being.
- Health and Wellness DO7: Residents enjoy a high level of physical, social and mental wellness.
- Health and Wellness DO8: Residents feels a sense of belonging and connectedness, and have opportunities for social interaction in their neighbourhood and community

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve financial support for the Whalley Little League in the amount of \$2,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund. This will assist with offsetting the costs of producing and promoting the community celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Whalley Little League.

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Appendix ‘I’ - Status of Council Initiative Fund



**2016 FINANCIAL PLAN
COUNCIL INITIATIVES**

Description	Amount	Allocation to date	Remaining
Carried Forward from Prior Year	2,800		
2016 Proposed Budget	<u>250,000</u>		\$ 252,800
My Neighbourhood, My futures Initiative (year 4 of 5)		40,000	
Surrey Poet Laureate (Year 2 of 3)		10,000	
SFU Surrey Campus Open House		15,000	
City of Surrey Busary		10,000	
Seeds Business Awards		4,000	
PICS Diversity City Sponsorship		5,000	
Bridal Week Vancouver		5,000	
100 Year Journey Gala Sponsorship		6,000	
Pride Festival		5,000	
Seniors Volunteer Project		75,000	
Ethar Trip to Cloverdale Rodeo		2,688	
Whalley Little League (Proposed)		2,000	
Refugee Welcome Event (Proposed)		6,850	
Sarah McLachlan School of Music (Proposed)		30,000	
Sarah McLachlan School of Music (Reimbursement from SFFCS)		-15,000	
Allocations for 2016		<u>\$ 201,538</u>	<u>\$ 51,300</u>