

NO: R230

COUNCIL DATE: November 19, 2018

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **November 13, 2018**

FROM: **General Manager, Finance**

FILE: **1850-01**

SUBJECT: **Funding Request– Surrey Firefighters Pipes & Drum Band**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Approve a funding request of \$1,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund for The Surrey Firefighters Pipes & Drum Band (“SFFPDB”) towards the purchase of a Drum Major Baldric.

INTENT

The City has received a funding request from the SFFPDB for the purchase of a Drum Major Baldric.

DISCUSSION

The SFFPDB was founded in 2013 by members of the Surrey Firefighters, and the International Association of Fire Fighters (“IAFF”) Local 1271. The current membership of SFFPDB is comprised of active duty and retired firefighters from British Columbia, Canada, and civilian members.

The SFFPDB is supported by IAFF Local 1271, the Surrey Fire Service, by grants from local foundations, through donations from the local community, and member contributions. The SFFPDB is a volunteer band with a primary mission to provide bagpipe and drum music for Fire Service related events, retirements, official openings, and community events. The band has participated in more than 200 performances over the past 5 years, to audiences of more than 180,000 people. This has included events such as the Cloverdale Rodeo Parade, the Softball World Series Opening, the Mayor’s Gala, Remembrance Day Ceremonies, and a variety of local legion events.

The SFFPDB has requested financial assistance from the City towards the purchase of a Drum Major Baldric. The drum will contain a City of Surrey Crest, Honor Roll of L1271 members lost in the line of duty and an IAFF L1271 Crest. It will be worn at parades, at many formal and informal Fire Department and Community functions, not only in Surrey but throughout British Columbia and across Canada. It would greatly enhance the appearance of the pipe band and heighten the City of Surrey’s exposure.

FUNDING

On January 22, 2018, Council approved corporate report R013; 2018 authorizing a Cultural grant of \$3,000 to the Surrey Firefighters Pipes & Drum Band to assist with ongoing fiscal, brand and membership sustainability.

Staff have evaluated the current request and recommend that Council approve funding of \$1,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund to SFFPDB towards the purchase of a Drum Major Baldric.

Appendix “1”, 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

The SFFPD supports the overall objectives of the City’s Sustainability Charter 2.0 as related to the themes of Inclusion and Education & Culture. Specifically, this funding will support the following Desired Outcomes (“DO”):

- Inclusion DO1: Surrey welcomes, includes, embraces and values the diversity of people who live here;
- Inclusion DO23: Numerous active local clubs, groups and agencies contribute to the community’s well-being;
- Education and Culture DO9: Surrey supports and celebrates its diverse artists, cultures and community heritage through inclusive festivals, programming and events.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve a funding of \$1,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund to The Surrey Firefighters Pipes & Drum Band towards the purchase of a Drum Major Baldric.

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Appendix “1”: Status of Council Initiatives Fund

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	<u>260,000</u>		\$ 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		2,500	
Darpan Extraordinary Achievement Awards		7,000	
Canucks Autism Network (CAN) 2018		5,000	
Youth Helping Youth Society		250	
Canada India Networking Initiative 2018		2,000	
100 Year Journey Gala		6,500	
West Coast Kings Field Hockey Society		3,500	
2018 Surrey Social Innovation Summit		70,000	
Surrey Women's Centre 25th Anniversary		1,000	
Agriculture Week - Pie in the Plaza		30,000	
Crescent Beach Concours d' Elegance		2,000	
Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association		3,500	
Federation of Canadian Municipalities Special Advocacy Fund		20,685	
Arts4All Festival		20,000	
Gadhri Memorial Mela		6,000	
11th Annual Red FM Charity Walk		5,000	
Drishti Awards Gala		1,200	
Surrey Vulnerable Women and Girls Working Group		15,000	
Surrey City Orchestra		10,000	
SFU Surrey Diwali Gala		2,500	
Flamingo Events Centre		2,000	
Mackie's Place		10,000	
Surrey Firefighters Pipes & Drum Band (Proposed)		1,000	
Allocations for 2018		<u>\$ 259,135</u>	<u>\$ 1,465</u>