



City of Surrey

Finance Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009
Time: 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Watts
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Martin
Councillor Steele
Councillor Villeneuve

Absent:

Councillor Gill - Chair
Councillor Bose

Staff Present:

City Manager
General Manager, Finance & Technology
City Clerk
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Planning & Development
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
City Solicitor
Deputy City Manager

A. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Communication Budget

File: 1705-06

The Communication Budget allotted for Mayor and Council was discussed at length.

It was

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve

Seconded by Councillor Hepner

That funding from the Communication

Budget previously allocated to the Councillors budgets be reallocated, leaving \$2,000 in each Councillors budget, and the remainder to the Mayor's budget to reinstate a Communications staff position.

Carried

B. CORPORATE REPORTS

1. The Corporate Reports, under date of March 9, 2009, were considered and dealt with as follows:

Item No. F001

Request for City Sponsorship - BC High School

Bhangra Competition

File: 1850-20

The General Manager, Finance & Technology submitted a report concerning the request for City Sponsorship for the BC High School Bhangra Competition.

The General Manager, Finance & Technology was recommending that the Finance Committee recommend that Council approve a sponsorship in the amount

of \$1,500 from the Council Initiatives Fund for the BC High School Bhangra Competition being held at the Bell Centre in April 2009.

It was Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Martin
That the Finance Committee recommend
that Council approve a sponsorship in the amount of \$1,500 from the Council Initiatives Fund for the BC High School Bhangra Competition being held at the Bell Centre in April 2009.

Carried

Item No. F002 Grant to the Lower Fraser Valley Exhibition Association
for the Cloverdale Rodeo and Exhibition
File: 0850-20; 1850-20

The General Manager, Finance & Technology submitted a report to obtain Council direction with respect to a request that has been received from the Association for a grant of \$225,000 in support of the 2009 Cloverdale Rodeo and Exhibition.

The General Manger, Finance & Technology was recommending that the Finance Committee:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Recommend that Council authorize staff to provide a grant of up to \$225,000 to the Lower Fraser Valley Exhibition Association (the "Association") in support of the 2009 Cloverdale Rodeo and Exhibition.

It was Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Martin
That the Finance Committee:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Recommend that Council authorize staff to provide a grant of up to \$225,000 to the Lower Fraser Valley Exhibition Association (the "Association") in support of the 2009 Cloverdale Rodeo and Exhibition.

Carried

Item No. F003 Late Grant Application - Luke 15 House Society
File: 1850-20

The General Manager, Finance & Technology submitted a report concerning the late Grant Application – Luke 15 House Society.

The General Manager, Finance & Technology was recommending that the Finance Committee recommend that Council approve a grant in the amount of \$4,270 to the Luke 15 House Society to cover the city portion of the 2007 and 2008 property taxes, subject to the remaining property tax balance being paid in full.

It was
Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Martin
That the Finance Committee recommend
that Council approve a grant in the amount of \$4,270 to the Luke 15 House Society to cover the city portion of the 2007 and 2008 property taxes, subject to the remaining property tax balance being paid in full.

Carried

C. ADJOURNMENT

It was
Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That the Finance Committee meeting do
now adjourn.

Carried

The Finance Committee adjourned at 5:30.

Jane Sowik, City Clerk

Mayor Watts, Acting Chairperson