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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **June 13, 2019**

FROM: **General Manager, Finance**

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Funding Request – West Coast Kings Hockey Society**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Approve a funding request of \$5,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund to the West Coast Field Hockey Society (the “Society”) in support of their 2019 Canada Cup International Field Hockey Tournament being held from July 12th to July 14th, 2019 at Tamanawis Park in Surrey.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to request that Mayor and Council support a funding request from the Council Initiatives Fund towards the 2019 Canada Cup International Field Hockey Tournament organized by the Society.

DISCUSSION

The Society is a Surrey-based field hockey organization that aims to build awareness of the sport locally, regionally, and nationally. The Society supports youth leagues and strives to strengthen the calibre of field hockey within Canada. The organization’s vision is to support player development through youth-focused camps and identify talented future Olympic-level athletes.

The Society will be hosting the Canada Cup International Field Hockey Tournament from July 12th to 14th, 2019 at Tamanawis Park. The event will draw athletes from around the world, many of whom have represented their respective countries in international competition. The tournament is a premier event in the field hockey community with approximately 10,000 spectators expected over the three-day event. Admission is free of charge and open to the general public.

Providing support to the Society for their 2019 tournament would help achieve the objectives of the Surrey Sport Tourism Strategy which was developed to advance the City of Surrey as a leader in the Sport Tourism industry, maximizing both economic benefits and sport development opportunities.

Staff have evaluated the request and recommend that Council approve a funding of \$5,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund in support of the 2019 Canada Cup International Field Hockey Tournament.

FUNDING

On May 28, 2018, Council approved Corporate Report R105; 2018 authorizing funding of \$3,500 for the 2018 Canada Cup International Field Hockey Tournament from the Council Initiatives Fund. Staff have evaluated the request and recommend a larger contribution for the 2019 event for an amount to support 2019 event costs.

Staff recommends that Council consider supporting the 2019 Canada Cup International Field Hockey Tournament through a funding contribution of \$5,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund. Appendix "I" 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 CONSIDERATIONS

The Society's 2019 Canada Cup International Field Hockey Tournament supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter 2.0. In particular, this Tournament relates to Sustainability Charter 2.0 themes of Inclusion and Health and Wellness. Specifically, this contribution will support the following Desired Outcomes ("DO"):

- Inclusion DO23: Numerous active local clubs, groups and agencies contribute to the community's well-being; and
- Health and Wellness DO1: Surrey has a full range of high quality, community-based health and social services and programs that address health and wellness.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve a contribution of \$5,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund to the West Coast Kings Field Hockey Society in support of their 2019 Canada Cup International Field Hockey Tournament.

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Appendix "I" – Council Initiatives Fund- Allocations for 2019

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