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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **July 18, 2019**

FROM: **General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture** FILE: **7960-01**  
**General Manager, Finance**

SUBJECT: **Special Olympics BC – Funding Request**

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## RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Approve funding in the amount of \$500 from the Council Initiatives Fund, to support Special Olympics BC.

## INTENT

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the City's partnership with Special Olympics BC and activities and request Council support funding in the amount of \$500 as requested by a delegation at the Council-In-Committee Meeting of June 24, 2019.

## BACKGROUND

The City has a longstanding relationship with Special Olympics BC. Currently, Special Olympics BC runs a swimming program for people with intellectual disabilities operated out of South Surrey Indoor Pool and North Surrey Recreation Centre. The organization also operates five sport programs across Surrey within School District facilities.

Since 2018, the City hosted the following three events in partnership with Special Olympics BC:

- October of 2018: The City hosted the first Champions for Health Coalition Forum, an event where over 75 individuals representing organizations from across the lower mainland came together to develop a framework to ensure that person with intellectual disabilities have positive health outcomes;
- March 9, 2019: A Family Health Forum was held at City Hall, providing athletes and their families information on healthy eating habits and training; and
- May of 2019: The City hosted a coaching course at City Hall, certifying 21 new coaches to facilitate sport programming to Special Olympic athletes.

## **DISCUSSION**

Special Olympics BC has over 400 athletes in Surrey in 18 sport programs. Funding received will directly support Surrey's 60 registered children under the age of 12 with intellectual disabilities. Specifically, \$500 provided to Special Olympics BC will go towards the purchase of equipment and annual facility rental costs in Surrey to support existing school-based and community-based programming that introduce sport, health and social interaction to children.

## **FUNDING**

### **Council Initiatives Fund**

As part of the City's 2019 Operating budget \$ 260,000 is allocated to Council Initiatives Fund. This fund is utilized at the discretion of Council to support community initiatives, emerging priorities and other events supported by Council. It is recommended that Council approve a funding allocation of \$500 from Council Initiatives Fund to Special Olympics BC with their purchase of equipment for their school-based community programs and facility rental costs. Appendix "II" attached to this report documents the balance of the Council Initiatives Fund based on an assumption that Council will approve the recommendations of this report.

## **SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS**

This event supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter 2.0. In particular, this event relates to Sustainability Charter 2.0 themes of Inclusion and Education & Culture. Specifically, the event supports the following - Desired Outcomes ("DO"):

- Diversity & Accessibility - DO1: Surrey welcomes, includes and embraces and values the diversity of people who live here;
- Diversity & Accessibility - DO2: Surrey is a caring and compassionate city that learns about and supports its residents of all backgrounds, demographics and life experiences;
- Diversity & Accessibility - DO3: Residents have opportunities to build social connections with people from different backgrounds;
- Community Pride & Engagement - DO20: Surrey residents are proud of their community;
- Community Pride & Engagement - DO21: All residents have opportunities to be meaningfully engaged in civic issues to and to contribute to community life;
- Learning - DO1: Surrey has a culture of learning, with a broad range of diverse learning opportunities available and accessible to meet the needs of all residents;
- Learning - DO2: Surrey children and youth have access to a high quality comprehensive and inclusive educational system, and opportunities that include experience in and out of school;
- Arts & Heritage - DO 7: An enviable and vibrant arts and heritage sector contributes to Surrey's citizen engagement, enrichment, economy, community livability and civic pride; and
- Arts & Heritage - 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 by the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department and the Finance Department that Council approve funding in the amount of \$500 to support Special Olympics BC.

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Finance

Appendix "I" – Letter from the Special Olympics  
Appendix "II" – Council Initiatives Fund

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## APPENDIX "I"

**Special Olympics**  
British Columbia



July 10, 2019

Dear City of Surrey Mayor and Council Members,

We write this letter with sincere thanks for your ongoing support, and a request for \$500 in funding. If these funds are shared, it will make a great impact on the athletes of Special Olympics BC – Surrey in countless ways. Your support will contribute to equipment needs for Surrey's 400 plus athletes, in 18 sports and programs, as well as transportation costs for athletes travelling to programs and competitions throughout the province. Additionally, your funding helps to support our ongoing youth programs, to which Special Olympics provides the equipment and resources for programs suited to Surrey's 60 registered children under the age of 12 with intellectual disabilities. We will be purchasing \$100 worth of equipment for each of our five school-based and community based programs. With thanks to your generosity, Surrey's youth programs are growing rapidly, introducing sport, health, and social interaction to children in both school-based and community-based programs. Your contributions will allow us to grow as an organization and continue to provide sport opportunities to individuals with intellectual disabilities, of all ages, throughout the province.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you in providing all-encompassing access to your facilities and programs for individuals with intellectual disabilities, and working to build healthy, inclusive communities together.

Sincerely,

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Created by the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation for the benefit of persons with intellectual disabilities

## APPENDIX "II"



### 2019 FINANCIAL PLAN COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Description	Amount	Allocation to date	Remaining
Carried Forward from Prior Year			
adjusted for amounts not utilized	4,300		
<b>2019 Adopted Budget</b>	<u>260,000</u>		<b>\$ 264,300</b>
Olympic Qualifier Event		80,000	
SFU President's Surrey Gala		5,000	
Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association		5,000	
102nd Anniversary Vimy Ridge Battle		2,900	
Surrey Poet Laureate		10,000	
Federation of Canadian Municipalities Special Advocacy Fund		20,685	
Darpan Extraordinary Achievement Awards		7,000	
SFU Surrey Diwali Gala		2,500	
West Coast Kings Field Hockey Society		5,000	
Newt Fest (Proposed)		2,500	
<b>Special Olympics (Proposed)</b>		<b>500</b>	
<b>Allocations for 2019</b>		<u><b>\$ 141,085</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 123,215</b></u>