

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

DATE: 2015 June 10

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE

FILE: 6700-20

SUBJECT: DONATION OF SURPLUS BICYCLES TO BICYCLES FOR HUMANITY

The Bicycles for Humanity (Vancouver Chapter) has approached the City to request a donation of twenty-five (25) surplus bicycles with a total estimated value of \$625 as outlined in the attached report submitted for the consideration of the Committee.



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DIRECTOR FINANCE

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cc: City Manager
City Clerk

TO: MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL **DATE:** 2015 June 10

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PURPOSE: To request approval to donate surplus Police recovered bicycles to Bicycles for Humanity.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council approve the donation of twenty-five (25) surplus bicycles with a total estimated value of \$625 to Bicycles for Humanity (Vancouver Chapter) as outlined in this report.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to the Bicycles for Humanity, c/o Vancouver Chapter

REPORT**1.0 BACKGROUND**

A proposal was received by the City from the local chapter of a not-for-profit organization, Bicycles for Humanity (B4H) with a request to donate surplus bicycles.

Bicycles for Humanity is a grassroots group with the principle that the mobility a bicycle provides positively impacts the lives of many in a community in the developing world. Bicycles for Humanity created programs to help people in developing countries with the gift of mobility that a bicycle provides as well as the gift of education, data gathering and tele-health which a tablet enables in conjunction with a technology platform.

The B4H approach is to provide tools that empower people to take charge of their own situation to improve their lives. B4H ships bikes in containers that are turned into bike shops (Bicycle Empowerment Centres) and train local people to repair and maintain the bike. B4H has over 50 chapters of volunteers in the developed world that collect bikes and send them to B4H partners in Africa, Mexico and Central America. To date B4H have grown to over 50 chapters, established over 125 Bicycle Empowerment Centres and in total delivered about 100,000 bicycles to Africa.

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B4H's initiative has also helped direct 25,000 bicycles a year away from the landfill with the estimated 10 million bicycles landing in landfills every year.

2.0 DONATION OF BICYCLES

Each bike container sent overseas by B4H is known as a 'Bicycle Empowerment Centre' and it is a bicycle shop-in-a-box with stock of 450-500 bicycles, tools, spare parts and comprehensive training material on bicycle maintenance designed to empower people and their communities with transportation and the means to maintain it. B4H tries to match each Bicycle Empowerment Centre with bikes of similar model and the City currently has twenty-five (25) bicycles through Police recovery that meet the specifications of B4H's request.

The standard process when the Burnaby RCMP recovers stolen property is to retain the property for a defined period to allow the rightful owner to claim the property. If the property remains unclaimed by the rightful owners, the property is turned over to the City as surplus goods. The City periodically sends the goods to auction and the auction proceeds are returned to the City as sundry revenue. Over the last three auctions that included bicycles, bikes sold on average for approximately \$25 each. The value of the twenty-five (25) bicycles proposed to be donated to B4H are estimated to have a total value of \$625 before auction costs.

The City's donation to B4H will help empower the people in the developing country to drive initiatives. If approved the donation of bicycles will help impact many aspects of a community in a developing country as bicycles provide mobility giving people better access to education, healthcare, fresh water and economic opportunity. B4H volunteers will organize the logistics for the pickup of these bicycles from the City and arrange for the shipment to Africa. All responsibilities for the transport of the bicycles will be transferred to Bicycles for Humanity.

It is recommended that Council approve the donation of twenty-five (25) surplus Police recovered bicycles to Bicycles for Humanity (Vancouver Chapter).

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Dhaliwal Chair
Councillor P. McDonell Vice Chair
Councillor D. Johnston Member

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cc: City Manager
Director Finance
City Clerk