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**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2016 October 12

**FROM:** DIRECTOR FINANCE **FILE:** 7500-01

**SUBJECT: TRAFFIC FINE REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM**

**PURPOSE:** To provide a report to Council regarding 2015 Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Grant funding.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** this report be received for information.

**REPORT**

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

The Strategic Community Investment Fund (SCIF) program ended in 2014. The Provincial Local Government Grant program targeted the provision of a steady stream of grant funding to municipal governments. The financial certainty of this revenue stream enabled cities to utilize this revenue source as funding to meet operational requirements. The Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Grant was a component of the SCIF program.

Beginning in 2015, the Province of British Columbia returned to regular annual grant funding (similar to funding calculations prior to SCIF). The Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development advised that the 2016 unconditional grant funding for the Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Program will be paid in one installment, 2016 June 30 totaling \$2,581,870.

**2.0 2015 PUBLIC REPORT**

The Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Grant is an unconditional grant provided by the Provincial Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development to municipalities for the purpose of assisting them in promoting community safety and addressing community strategic priorities.

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that 100% of the Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Grant received has been used or is being used to provide City policing services. Cash funds received in 2015 totaled \$2,716,650. Some highlights of the 2015 Police program are noted below.

- *Property Crime:*

In 2015 Burnaby RCMP was faced with a variety of changing property crime scenarios, from a prolific burglar to a series of theft from autos that left hundreds affected, all of which required dedicated task forces and efforts to bring to a close. For instance, in September there were 150 thefts to coin-operated parking machines across the Lower Mainland including Burnaby. Damages were estimated at \$200,000. A thorough investigation of these thefts by the Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST) led to the identification of a 43-year-old suspect who was arrested as he left a motel room in Burnaby where he was residing. A search warrant was executed and several key pieces of evidence were recovered.

- *Substance Abuse:*

In early 2015 Burnaby RCMP Section wrapped up a project (*Project Tainted*) targeting the rising sale of Fentanyl on our City's streets. Burnaby RCMP Drug Section working in concert with the Vancouver Police Department and the E Division Federal and Serious Organized Crime Section undertook this complex multi-jurisdictional investigation which culminated in 2015 February with the execution of 19 separate Search Warrants across the Lower Mainland. As a result over 100 charges, ranging from Drug Trafficking to Aggravated Assault and Attempted Murder, were laid against 12 individuals. At the time it was considered one of the largest Fentanyl seizures in Canada. Since the culmination of this project multiple targeted individuals have either plead or been found guilty of various offences.

- *Road Safety:*

Distracted Driving has now outpaced Impaired Driving as the number one cause of collisions in British Columbia. As part of the Provincial Distracted Driving Campaign held each March, Burnaby RCMP Traffic Section conducted enhanced and targeted enforcement at strategic locations throughout Burnaby, issuing 857 violation tickets, the highest amount of violation tickets issued for distracted driving by an RCMP detachment in the Province. Given the success of the March campaign Traffic Section set out in September on a second blitz, where they exceeded their March total and issued a total of 924 violation tickets, again leading RCMP Detachments Province wide.

- *Violent Crimes (Domestic Violence):*

In order to build awareness around this issue Burnaby's Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) conducted five targeted presentations highlighting this offence. The presentations focused on how to deal with and report those that perpetrate it. It was hoped that by removing the social stigma and barriers around reporting this crime we would see a correlating increase in the number of reported incidents. By the end of the third quarter we had seen a 9% increase of reported cases of Domestic Violence.

- *Mental Health:*

In 2015 Burnaby RCMP continued to staff a full time Mental Health coordinator position. This position, staffed by an RCMP Constable, is responsible for liaising with the local

health authorities on Mental Health related issues as well as providing front line assistance to the General Duty Members of the Burnaby Detachment so as to reduce the strain recurrent calls of a mental health nature can cause on the operational tempo of the Detachment.

In addition to using these funds for operational needs the Burnaby RCMP also used them to assist in achieving the following notable events in 2015:

- In 2015 our School Liaison and Youth Section engaged in the “Talking About The Topic Of Opportunity” (TATTOO) program in which the goal is to use a lunchtime meal to engage with high risk youth that are vulnerable to the gang lifestyle. This eight week program speaks to drug use, economics of crime – financial ups and downs, and positive / negative police contact. By identifying these youth in our community, we hope to show them that they have the ability to make their own choices and that we can bridge the gap between youth and the police. Our ultimate goal is to build trust and rapport with our Burnaby teens.
- Motorcycle Safety Skills Training: On June 27 Burnaby Traffic Section conducted a motorcycle obstacle course allowing the general public to attend, test their driving skills and received safety tips from trained motorcycle officers. It was a great opportunity for riders and the police officers to interact in a positive way by discussing motorcycle safety. No other detachment or police department has presented this option to the general public before and since then two other jurisdictions are duplicating Burnaby’s event. The day was a huge success with over 150 riders attending.
- In September the Burnaby RCMP Crime Prevention Unit, in partnership with the City of Burnaby, launched its much anticipated web based Business Watch program. The program, which allows businesses to go online for instant access to information such as Crime Maps, crime prevention resources and workshop opportunities, has been very successful and well received by the local business community.

The following chart outlines the Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Grants received by the City to date:

Year	Grant Received
2010	\$1,080,152
2011	\$3,847,295
2012	\$3,838,656
2013	\$1,874,865
2014	\$1,881,990
2015	\$2,716,650
2016	\$2,581,870
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,821,478</b>

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The City of Burnaby will continue to use these grant funds to strengthen policing services in the community to support crime reduction and improve safety. Grant funds help to reduce the impact of police costs on property taxes which are the main source of funding for Burnaby Police Operations.

It is recommended that Council receive this report for information

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