



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: General Manager of Engineering Services in consultation with the Chief Constable

SUBJECT: Donation of decommissioned Vancouver Police motorcycle to 2008 United Way fundraising campaign

CONSIDERATION

THAT the City's United Way 2008 Campaign Committee be authorized to dispose of one decommissioned Vancouver Police motorcycle by raffle, auction or other similar fund raising method, and that Council authorize the donation of the proceeds, (at an estimated value of \$10,000), to the City's 2008 United Way fund raising campaign.

COUNCIL POLICY

Approval of grant recommendations requires eight affirmative votes of Council.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to request that Council consider donating a decommissioned Vancouver Police Harley Davidson motorcycle to the City's 2008 Employee United Way fund raising campaign.

BACKGROUND

On an annual basis the City, our employees, and our Unions, participate in a fund raising campaign to support the United Way and its charitable objectives. This campaign is generally focussed on employee contributions through payroll deductions. The City supports the campaign by providing staff time for running the campaign but does not generally provide any direct funding.

DISCUSSION

Approximately every four years a number of the Harley Davidson Road King motorcycles from the Vancouver Police Department fleet are replaced. This year Engineering Services is decommissioning and replacing 21 motorcycles and the decommissioned motorcycles are normally sold at auction. They are a popular item at City auctions and this year the City expects to recover approximately \$10,000 per unit through these sales.

It has been proposed that the City donate one of the decommissioned Vancouver Police motorcycles as a fund raiser in support of our 2008 United Way campaign. Staff believe that a lottery, or some other form of fund raiser, featuring one of these motorcycles would be quite popular and could be a very effective addition to the United Way fund raising campaign.

The City does not warranty the condition of our surplus vehicles sold at auction. They are normally sold on an "as is" basis. In this case the donated motorcycle would be inspected to ensure that it is roadworthy however no warranty would be provided or implied.

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

If Council does not approve of this donation all 21 of the motorcycles decommissioned this year would be sold at auction.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Under a typical sale at auction, the net proceeds would accrue to the Truck and Equipment Plant account which provides financing for all of the City's fleet. Funding for this account is typically derived through "rental rates" charged against departmental operating and capital budgets over the life of the equipment as well the equipment's salvage value when decommissioned. This ensures that funding is available for the purchase of new units without direct impact to the City's budget.

The impact of this proposed donation would be a reduction in the Plant Account by an estimated \$10,000. In order to offset this reduction \$10,000 will be moved from the Equipment Services (EOS) Budget into the Truck and Equipment Plant Account. This is seen as an appropriate funding source because EOS is a corporate service provider and their budget is distributed across the entire City organization, and it is the entire City that participates in the United Way campaign.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The City of Vancouver supports the United Way because of its broad based benefits across the community. City Employees have also supported the United Way by personal contributions through the payroll deduction program for many years.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

If Council approves this donation the City's United Way campaign committee will design a fund raising program around the motorcycle as a prize to supplement this year's campaign. It will be used as a centre piece for the various fund raising events that the committee organizes through the campaign period this fall.

CONCLUSION

The proposed donation of proceeds from disposal of one decommissioned Vancouver Police motorcycle to the City's United Way campaign has the potential of providing significant financial benefit to the campaign, in excess of the value of the unit.

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