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## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council  
FROM: Manager of Engineering Services  
SUBJECT: Canada Day Fireworks

### *RECOMMENDATION*

THAT Council approve a grant of \$20,000 to the Burrard Inlet Fireworks Society toward the cost of purchasing and presenting the 2011 and 2012 Canada Day fireworks show in Burrard inlet off Canada Place; source of funds to be the Canada Day Fireworks grant budget.

### *REPORT SUMMARY*

For the past five years the Burrard Inlet Fireworks Society has presented a fireworks show for residents of Vancouver and the North Shore from two barges in Burrard Inlet off Canada Place. Council has supported the event with a \$10,000 grant to assist in production of the show. As a grant request was not made to Council in the prior year, this report requests approval of \$10,000 to be paid related to 2011 and \$10,000 related to 2012.

### *COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS*

Since 2007 Council has approved monetary and in kind support for the annual Canada Day fireworks in the form of a grant of \$10,000 annually to the Burrard Inlet Fireworks Society to pay for production of the fireworks, and by covering Police, Park Board and Engineering services required to support the fireworks show.

Approval of grant recommendations requires eight affirmative votes.

### *CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS*

The City Manager notes that Canada Day Celebrations are important National Celebrations and many cities across the country are associated with fireworks in some form. The City's contribution to the Fireworks event will complement the support of neighbouring municipalities, and also complement the federal government's support of Canada Day festivities at Canada Place.

### *REPORT*

#### *Background/context*

Vancouver's Canada Day Celebration, presented by the Canada Day Corporation and the Federal Ministry of Heritage, is the second largest in the country. Fireworks are a big part of Canada Day celebrations in cities across Canada; and in 2007 the Burrard Inlet Fireworks Society was formed to encourage municipalities on both sides of the inlet to help produce a Canada Day fireworks show. Two barges are strategically placed in the harbour to encourage viewers from both sides of the inlet to watch from a distance.

Since 2007 Council has supported the fireworks with an annual \$10,000 grant to help with production costs for the show, and by covering the costs of City services required to secure the area around Canada Place where the public gathers. From 2007-2010 those costs were in the range of \$15-\$20,000 dollars; last year they increased significantly because of additional safety measures implemented after the Stanley Cup riot.

#### *Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)*

Staff, including CLEOC and the APU, have been involved in oversight planning with the producers of the fireworks. Because Canada Day falls on a Sunday, and Monday is a holiday, it is anticipated that a larger proportion of the crowd will be made up of families that will come to the Canada Day daytime festivities, and stay for the parade and fireworks.

#### *Financial*

Total funding of \$20,000 is available from the Canada Day Fireworks grant budget.

### *CONCLUSION*

The Burrard Inlet Fireworks Society's annual Canada Day fireworks show has become an important part of Vancouver's Canada Day festivities. The Burrard Inlet Fireworks Society Canada Day fireworks show provides excellent viewing opportunities for the citizens of Vancouver and the three north shore communities.

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