



COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
FINANCE AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

DATE: 2009 September 23

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PLANNING PROJECTS 2009-2010

PURPOSE: EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM
2010 Olympic Games and Pandemic Planning.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council authorize an expenditure of up to \$50,000 from the Gaming Reserve Fund for a temporary part-time Emergency Social Services (ESS) Planner to conduct ESS 2010 and ESS Pandemic planning as well as general ESS program revitalization for not less than the period of October 2009 to April 2010.

REPORT**OVERVIEW**

Local Governments in the Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley, and Whistler regions have been made aware that before, during, and for a period following the 2010 Olympic (and Paralympic) Games the population surge brought on by the Games will stretch to full capacity all accommodation, food service and delivery, and transportation suppliers. Virtually all available commercial beds will be occupied, restaurants will be operating to maximum output and transportation resources will be committed to serving the needs related to the Games. This leaves each local ESS provider without the usual available resources. In addition, due to the scope of the Games, there will be no opportunity to obtain these ESS resources from a neighbor community. The result is that during this time, almost any event resulting in the need for ESS support will require extraordinary measures for food, lodging and transportation.

Furthermore, there is considerable uncertainty surrounding the H1N1 (swine flu) virus, which local health authorities are fully expecting to re-emerge more virulent than in the spring (BC Centre for Disease Control, Fraser Health Authority and Vancouver Coastal Health). Any ESS response to pandemic outbreaks within the community will be affected by limitations presented by the Games.

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REPORT

The Finance and Civic Development Committee, at its meeting held on 2009 September 24, received and adopted the *attached* report seeking Council's funding approval to hire a temporary part-time Emergency Social Services (ESS) Planner to conduct ESS 2010 and ESS pandemic planning.

The requested resource will provide the planning to ensure Burnaby will be ready and able to respond to the upcoming challenges, and at the same time revitalize the current ESS Program and establish a much better foundation for it going forward.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

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Vice Chair

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ESS response is further complicated by the heightened level of security necessary during the Games and that a number of major transportation routes will be restricted, unavailable during the day, or, in some cases closed completely so that moving displaced persons to Evacuee Reception Centres and/or Group Lodging elsewhere will be made more difficult.

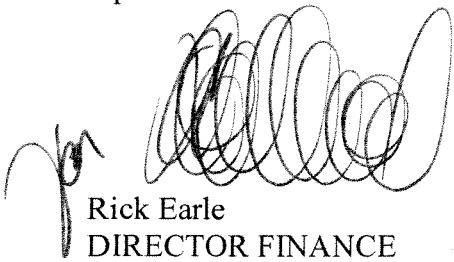
ESS teams throughout the impacted area are now working very hard to revise their individual community plans while at the same time meeting as a group to reach conformity on Mutual Aid criteria in support of those communities that will also lose all or a significant part of their usual inventory of emergency reception centres because they are fully committed to the Games. This pre-planning is critically necessary so that if there is an event anywhere in the Lower Mainland that requires interim housing, and other related ESS needs, the larger community is not without a reasonable plan to provide shelter for the affected community.

This unique situation makes it necessary for Burnaby to make interim modifications to the existing ESS plan and to work with other affected communities in the region to develop ESS mutual aid criteria. Burnaby needs to dedicate someone to these particular matters and all things related to the human aspects of disaster response and recovery.

CONCLUSION

The requested, temporary, resource will provide the planning to ensure Burnaby will be ready and able to respond to the upcoming challenges and at the same time revitalize the current ESS Program and establish a much better foundation for it going forward.

Therefore, it is recommended that an allocation from the Gaming Reserve Fund of up to \$50,000 be authorized to finance the cost a temporary part-time ESS Director until at least the end of April 2010.



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