
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: DONATION OF AMATEUR RADIO EQUIPMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council authorize the donation of surplus amateur radio equipment valued at approximately \$2,000.

REPORT

The Executive Committee of Council, at its meeting held on 2012 March 15, received and adopted the *attached* report obtaining approval to donate surplus amateur radio equipment to Burnaby Amateur Radio Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor P. Calendino
Chair

Councillor P. McDonell
Vice Chair

Councillor D. Johnston
Member

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

DATE: 2012 February 16

FROM: EMERGENCY PROGRAM COORDINATOR

FILE: 5300-01

Reference: Amateur Radio

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Amateur, or ham, radio is defined by international treaty as a “service of self-training, intercommunications, and technical investigation carried on by authorized persons interested in radio technique solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest”. Government allows amateur operators many privileges because the hobby is partially based on service to the general public and amateur radio operators can be relied on to assist during emergencies in the event that conventional communications like telephone, email and two-way radio are detrimentally impacted or fail.

The Burnaby Amateur Radio Club (BARC) is a community-based organization which serves the amateur radio (HAM) community in Burnaby. They actively support the Burnaby Emergency Program volunteering their time, knowledge and enthusiasm as Burnaby Emergency Volunteers. Members of BARC have been and continue to be an integral component of the City’s emergency communications network.

The surplus equipment is an assortment of radios, power supplies and related peripherals formerly utilized in the Emergency Mobile Command Vehicle (ECV) and Emergency Operations Centre (EOC). Recent replacement of the amateur radio equipment in both the ECV and EOC has resulted in this surplus.

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RECOMMENDATION

To assist and support the activities of BARC and to further enhance emergency communications capacity in Burnaby, it is recommended that the surplus amateur radio equipment, valued at approximately \$2,000 be donated to the Burnaby Amateur Radio Club.

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EMERGENCY PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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