
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 28, 2003
File No.:
To: City Manager
From: Manager Community Development and Real Estate
Subject: Kelowna and Area Okanagan Fire Recovery Trust Fund

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorize the receipt of cash donations and the issuing of Income Tax receipts as per Council Policy No. 306 "Charitable Donations and Gifts to the City," effective from August 27, 2003, for donations made to the Kelowna and Area Okanagan Fire Recovery Trust Fund.

BACKGROUND:

Many interested persons, organizations and businesses from across Canada have been contacting the City wishing to make donations as a result of the Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park Fire. Scotiabank has set up an account for anyone wishing to make such a donation and donations may be made at any Scotiabank branch in Canada.

The Okanagan and Area Fire Recovery Trust Fund will be a non-profit society, created under the provincial Society Act, to oversee the disbursement of the donated funds. It is intended that the impetus for dispensing the funds will be community-driven.

It is anticipated that any donated funds will be used towards the civic and community reconstruction and enhancement of the areas of the City of Kelowna impacted by the fire. This could include, but is not limited to, the creation or reconstruction of parks and playgrounds, the replanting of trees and other plants, and other community-spirit fostering events.

These funds are not meant to replace existing sources of funding from other levels of government, insurance policies or other such programs, but meant rather to supplement such programs and to offer assistance in cases where funding is either insufficient or unavailable.

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