

Memo



Date: June 25, 2010
File: 1855-20
To: City Manager
From: Keith Grayston, Director, Financial Services
Subject: Strategic Community Investment Funds

Recommendation:

THAT Council receive the June 25th report on the use of the Strategic Community Investment Funds from the Director, Financial Services.

Purpose:

To report publicly on the use of the Strategic Community Investment Funds as per the conditions of the funding.

Background:

The Provincial Government did a temporary restructure of the Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Grants in 2009. The restructured transfer was named the Strategic Community Investment Funds and was for a two year term. The 2009 transfer was increased by \$848,300 over the 2008 grant and the 2010 funding was reduced by a similar amount. To go along with that change municipalities were to provide the INTENDED USE of the funding and set PERFORMANCE TARGETS for the funds. This was done in the March 3, 2009 report to Council:

Intended Use – Use funding to support police enforcement

Performance Targets – 100% of the funds will be used to support police enforcement over the term of the SCI agreement

A condition of receiving the funds is to report publicly on the plan and the progress made towards achieving the performance targets.

In 2008 we received \$1,465,713 in Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Grants and that funding was used for the ongoing costs of RCMP members and municipal staff. With the Provincial change we received \$2,314,008 in 2009 and are scheduled to receive \$581,335 in July of 2010. To avoid a revenue spike in 2009 and then a large drop in 2010 Council agreed to place a portion of the 2009 revenue into reserve and then bring back \$884,000 from reserve in 2010. This provides continuity in the grant funding at approximately the 2008 level.

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In 2009, \$1,432,598 or 62% of the funding was used to support police enforcement and the remaining 38% will be combined with the 2010 grant and used to support police enforcement in 2010. This will meet our performance target of using 100% of the funding to support police enforcement over the term of the SCI agreement.

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

There is a requirement to report publicly on the plan for the use of the funds and the progress made towards achieving the performance targets.

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

A 2009 budget submission was approved to recognize the additional revenue and place it in reserve for use in 2010.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Internal Circulation:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Existing Policy:

Personnel Implications:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Community & Media Relations Comments:

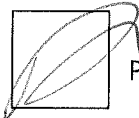
Alternate Recommendation:

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