



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee

Date: March 4, 2010

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Re: Disposal of unclaimed bicycles and used surplus computers

Staff Recommendation

That 30 unclaimed bicycles and 42 used surplus computers be donated to the Refilwe Community Project through the Richmond Sunset Rotary Club.

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Staff Report

Origin

This report deals with a request for a donation of unclaimed bicycles and used computers which are not needed by the City.

City policy requires the disposal of City assets by donation to be forwarded to Council for approval.

Analysis

The Richmond Sunset Rotary Club approached the City in October last year with regard to the donation of unclaimed bicycles and used computers for the Hands of Hope School in Refilwe, South Africa. According to the Rotary Club, this community is home to some of the most severely disadvantaged people on earth. People live in small, scattered and rundown settlements with unemployment, limited education, lack of skills and poor housing being just some of the challenges that local residents face.

Staff have since collected 30 unclaimed bicycles that were held at the City's Lost & Found warehouse for over 6 months and the IT department has collected 42 redundant used computers.

Financial Impact

The financial impact of donating these items would be the lost revenue that may have been realized through the sale of this equipment through auction. Given the lack of demand for such used items, any revenue that would have been realized is minimal.

Conclusion

Through donating the unclaimed bicycles and used surplus computers to the Richmond Sunset Rotary Club for the Refilwe Community Project, the City would be supporting a very worthy cause that would be of great benefit to underprivileged children.



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