



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Finance Committee

Date: May 22, 2009

From: Jerry Chong  
Director, Finance

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Re: 5 Year Financial Plan (2009-2013)– Report back on referrals

Staff Recommendation

That the attached report from the Manager of Budgets & Accounting on the 5 Year Financial Plan (2009-2013) referrals be received for information.

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Director, Finance  
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<b>CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER</b> 		
<b>REVIEWED BY TAG</b>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>REVIEWED BY CAO</b> <i>Anting</i>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

**Origin**

At the April 14,, 2009 Finance Committee meeting staff presented the 5 Year Financial Plan (2009-2013). During the discussion, staff was requested to provide further information relating to:

1. *the effect of a potential regional pool on the City's gap-funding strategy;*
2. *5 Year Financial Plans from other cities, Metro Vancouver and organizations such as TransLink and the Richmond Board of Education;*
3. *growth figures prior to 2009 for comparison purpose;*

**Analysis**

1. *The effect of a potential regional pool on the City's gap-funding strategy;*

The feasibility of an regional pool was considered by the RCMP in 2007. At the time the number of hard vacancies in the LMD outstripped the RCMP's ability to both fill those vacancies and establish a regional pool. Since then they have begun to implement strategies to decrease the number of vacancies.

When a member is away on long term leave the funding for their compensation shifts from the detachment to E Div, resulting in a surplus. Currently, a portion of the surplus or 'gap fund' is used to fund some positions at the detachment. A portion of the gap funding could be used to fund the City's use of a regional pool, if implemented. Therefore, in anticipation that a regional pool may become feasible in the future, a detailed analysis of the impact on gap funding will be subject of a report to Community Safety Committee.

2. *5 Year Financial Plans from other cities, Metro Vancouver and organizations such as TransLink and the Richmond Board of Education;*

The following is the summary of the percentage of tax increase for the years 2009 to 2013.

<b>Organizations</b>	<b>2009 Tax Rate</b>	<b>2010 Tax Rate</b>	<b>2011 Tax Rate</b>	<b>2012 Tax Rate</b>	<b>2013 Tax Rate</b>
City of Richmond	2.97%	3.16%	3.02%	4.11%	3.15%
City of Surrey	4.09%	4.23%	4.09%	3.89%	3.70%
City of Burnaby	5.23%	5.15%	5.79%	4.47%	3.75%
City of North Vancouver	3.97%	4.01%	4.04%	4.06%	4.06%
District of Maple Ridge	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%

TransLink	2.13%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
GVRD Regional District	5.50%	5.50%	5.50%	3.50%	3.50%
GVRD Water District*	15.80%	5.50%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%
GVRD Sewerage and Drainage District*	6.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%
BC Assessment	5.38%	4.85%	4.82%	n/a	n/a

*Richmond Board of Education & City of Vancouver do not prepare five year projections.*

*Corporation of Delta's five year projections are not available as of May 22/09.*

*\*Does not include all costs under consideration in new Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) and Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP).*

3. *Growth figures prior to 2009 for comparison purpose;*

2006 \$ 3,388,426

2007 \$ 3,680,184

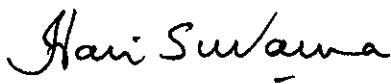
2008 \$ 3,771,374

**Financial Impact**

None

**Conclusion**

The information as provided above be received for information.



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