



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

**To:** Community Safety Committee **Date:** January 16, 2017  
**From:** Tim Wilkinson **File:** 99-Fire Rescue/2017-  
 Acting Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue Vol 01  
**Re:** **Donation of Surplus Equipment – 1931 LaFrance Fire Truck**

### Staff Recommendation

That the 1931 LaFrance fire truck pumper unit, listed in the staff report titled “Donation of Surplus Equipment – 1931 LaFrance Fire Truck”, dated January 16, 2017, from the Acting Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue be authorized by Council for donation and repatriation to Victoria Fire Department Historical Society.

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 Acting Fire Chief  
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<b>ROUTED TO:</b>  Arts, Culture & Heritage Finance Department	<b>CONCURRENCE</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>CONCURRENCE OF <sup>ACTING</sup> GENERAL MANAGER</b>  
<b>REVIEWED BY STAFF REPORT / AGENDA REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE</b>	<b>INITIALS:</b> 	<b>APPROVED BY CAO</b> 

## Staff Report

### Origin

The Disposal of City Assets Policy requires that the disposal of surplus City assets by donations be forwarded to Council for approval. A request has been made by the Victoria Fire Department Historical Society for Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR) surplus equipment.

### Analysis

On several occasions since 2003 RFR has received requests from the Victoria Fire Department Historical Society to repatriate, to the Victoria Fire Department Historical Society, the 1931 LaFrance fire truck that is currently owned by the City of Richmond. In compliance with the Disposal of City Assets Policy we are requesting Council's approval to donate the antique fire truck to the Victoria Fire Department Historical Society.

The antique truck's history started with the Victoria Fire Department and was in service in Victoria until 1968 when it was disposed of. The truck then became the property of the late Gene Neumeier, a former RFR Fire Captain, whose family, in 1988, donated the truck to RFR.

The truck was then used in parades; however, due to the mechanical condition, RFR no longer makes use of the apparatus. The fire truck is currently not used, not on display and stored outside under a tarp at one of the fire halls. The vehicle has no historical value for the City of Richmond and also requires significant funding to retrofit it for it to be in a useable condition. The cost to retrofit is estimated to be approximately \$200,000.

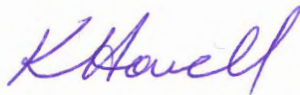
Richmond Fire-Rescue does not have the capacity to retrofit the truck or the desire to use the truck and therefore recommend the donation back to the Victoria Fire Department Historical Society. Should this request be approved the Victoria Fire Department Historical Society would take possession of the truck "as is" and all associated cost to transfer and transport the truck would be the responsibility of the Society.

### Financial Impact

None.

### Conclusion

Through donating, and therefore repatriating, the surplus 1931 LaFrance fire truck to the Victoria Fire Department Historical Society, the City of Richmond would be continuing interagency relationships and partnerships with other Fire Departments.



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Att.1: Image of 1931 LaFrance fire truck

Image of the 1931 LaFrance Fire Truck

