



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee

Date: March 23, 2011

From: Jerry Chong
Director, Finance

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Re: CITY OF RICHMOND CONTRIBUTION TO THE JAPAN EARTHQUAKE/TSUNAMI
DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Staff Recommendation

That the attached report be received for information.

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Staff Report

Origin

During the General Purposes Committee meeting, on March 21, 2011 the following referral was assigned to staff:

That staff report back to the next Regular Council Meeting on options available to the City to contribute to the Japan Earthquake/Tsunami Disaster Relief Fund, including matching city employee contributions to the fund.

Analysis

Following the earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan, staff arranged the "Japan Earthquake/Tsunami Disaster Relief - Employee Contribution Opportunity". City of Richmond employees were able to contribute towards this Relief through the Canadian Red Cross. The amount of contributions received as of March 23, 2011 total \$9,500.

In January 2005, a similar catastrophic event occurred with a tsunami in Indonesia. Subsequent to this disaster, Council approved a contribution of \$12,500 towards tsunami disaster relief efforts, and an additional amount of up to \$12,500 to match past and potential employee contributions. The amount was funded from the Council Contingency account.

The current amount available in the Council Contingency account is \$38,500. In addition the Council Provision account has an available balance of \$595,768. Staff recommend that Council contribute to the Relief in the similar amount as done previously and match employee contributions in order to generate an additional contribution.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact from this report.

Conclusion

This report provides Council with information concerning potential funding sources



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