



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

**To:** Community Safety Committee  
**From:** John McGowan  
 Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue  
**Re:** Disposal of Surplus Equipment

**Date:** June 18, 2015  
**File:** 99-Fire Rescue/2015-Vol 01

### Staff Recommendation

That the surplus City equipment listed in the staff report titled "Disposal of Surplus Equipment", dated June 18, 2015, from the Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue, be donated to Fire Fighters Without Borders.

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## Staff Report

### Origin

This report responds to a request for the donation of surplus City assets. This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #1 A Safe Community:

*Maintain emphasis on community safety to ensure Richmond continues to be a safe community.*

#### *1.4. Effective interagency relationships and partnerships.*

City policy calls for the disposal of surplus City assets by donations be forwarded to Council for approval. A request has been made by Fire Fighters Without Borders (Canada) for the donation of Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR) surplus equipment.

### Analysis

A formal request in May 2015 was made by Fire Fighters Without Borders for surplus RFR equipment. Fire Fighters without Borders is a nationally registered non-profit charitable group with a mission to assist firefighters and other emergency personnel in less developed countries. They have embarked on 17 overseas training deployments since 2008 to 5 different countries. They have also delivered over 700 tons of retired equipment and 51 emergency vehicles to 15 countries, which were donated by departments across Canada.

Currently RFR has an inventory of equipment that has outlived its serviceable life with RFR due to age, technological change, change in standards and replacement upgrades. The countries that receive the donations, such as Peru, Philippines, Mexico, Nicaragua, etc., do not have standards or regulations; unlike North America, that has WorkSafe, National Fire Protection Association and other agencies that regulate life cycles and model of gear and equipment that can stay in service.

This equipment includes:

- TriMax Model 60HSS Compressed Air Foam Fire Suppression System (CAFS) Unit
- Wascomat Model EX640C Commercial Washer

### Financial Impact

The financial impact of donating this equipment would be any potential revenue that may have been realized through the auction or sale of the equipment. Given the lack of demand for this equipment any revenue that would have been realized may be less than \$10,000, assuming the equipment would sell at all.

### Conclusion

Through donating our surplus equipment that is not used here to Fire Fighters Without Borders, Richmond would be supporting a worthy cause that may possibly save lives in a less developed country.



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