

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – AUGUST 31, 2010

CITY DONATION TO THE PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF

Recommendation

Councillor Peter Meffe recommends:

That the City of Vaughan donate \$10,000.00 to the Canadian Red Cross in support of the Pakistan Flood Relief.

Contribution to Sustainability

Not applicable.

Economic Impact

The 2010 Operating Budget includes a budget of \$5,000 for Sponsorships in the Clerks Department – Council Corporate account # 7447. A donation of \$10,000 for the Haiti Earthquake Fund has been charged against the 2010 Budget, however it is anticipated that the donations for the Haiti Earthquake and the proposed \$10,000 donation to the Pakistan Flood relief can be absorbed within the overall Council Corporate Department 2010 Budget.

Communications Plan

Should Council approve a donation, a public service announcement will be issued.

Purpose

The purpose of the report is to recommend a \$10,000 financial donation to the Pakistan Flood Relief, in support of the people of Pakistan and the members of the Vaughan Pakistani community during this difficult time.

Background - Analysis and Options

Pakistan has faced unprecedented flooding triggered by weeks of torrential monsoons since July 29, affecting 16% of the country where some 20 million people have been affected and 4 million people left homeless. The flooding situation continues to deteriorate and the physical devastation is now compounded by health risks and food & water shortages.

The donations for international disasters approved during 2008, 2009 and 2010 are as follows:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Actuals</u>
Canadian Red Cross China Earthquake	12/29/2008	\$5,000.00
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Actuals</u>
Abruzzo Earthquake Relief Fund	4/30/2009	\$10,000.00
Donation to Filipino-Can Association	10/27/2009	\$10,000.00
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Actuals</u>
Haiti Earthquake Fund	02/23/2010	\$10,000.00

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

Not applicable.

Regional Implications

Not applicable.

Conclusion

The City of Vaughan has provided donations previously to international disasters, although municipalities in Ontario are not required to do so. Ottawa is expected to respond to the appeal from Pakistan to the world community with a program to match individual donations by Canadians to the Pakistan flood relief.

It is recommended that the City of Vaughan make a donation of \$10,000 to the Pakistan Flood Relief, in keeping with the practice of previous donations.

Attachments

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Meffe
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