



CORPORATE REPORT

To: Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission
From: Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Parks and Recreation
Subject: Recognition of SD 78 Trustee John Koopman

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission recommend the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a donation of \$250 in the memory of Mr. John Koopman to the Fraser Cascade School District 78 Trades Program, and a \$50 expenditure to add Mr. Koopman's name to the memorial wall at the Hope & Area Recreation Centre;

AND THAT the Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission direct staff to create a policy for administering future memorial wall considerations at the Hope and Area Recreation Centre.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

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BACKGROUND

Mr. John Koopman was a long-time user and supporter of the Hope & Area Recreation Centre, an advocate for trades and apprenticeship programs, and a Fraser Cascade School Board Trustee. Unfortunately, Mr. Koopman passed away suddenly on May 6, 2020, after many years of community service. At the May 19, 2020, Commission meeting, a motion was passed for staff to look into options of recognizing Mr. Koopman and his contributions to the local community.

DISCUSSION

Recognizing community contributions has historically been an important part of the Hope & Area Recreation Centre, which has included in-kind donations, monetary contributions and a memorial wall.

It is staff's understanding that the wall was originally intended for members of the public that had made financial contributions to the Hope & Area Recreation Centre, but over time, members of the public have asked to make donations in memory of friends/family members or on behalf of associations and other groups.



A number of options to recognize the lasting community impact of Mr. Koopman in a meaningful way were explored. In addition to the option of adding his name to the memorial wall (as seen in the above picture), staff communicated with the school district (SD78) who were looking for donations to its Trades Program which Mr. Koopman so strongly supported.

It has been recognized that there is no formal policy on how this type of recognition should occur, therefore should staff be directed, a policy will be created for future administration of such requests and usage of the memorial wall for consideration at a future meeting.

COST

Costs associated with the recognition of Mr. Koopman would be funded from the program supply budget as there are some savings due to the facility closure over the past several months.

- Memorial Wall - \$50.00
- Donation to SD78 Trades Program - \$250.00

CONCLUSION

To recognize the lasting community involvement of Mr. Koopman, staff is proposing adding his name to the Memorial Wall at the Hope & Area Recreation Centre and make a financial donation to the SD78 Trades Program.

COMMENTS BY:

Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services: Reviewed and supported.

Kelly Lownsbrough, CFO/ Director of Financial Services: Reviewed and supported.

Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer: Reviewed and supported.