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Council Meeting Presentation Request

Completed requests to make a public presentation must be received by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday immediately prior to the scheduled meeting. Presentations are a maximum of 5 minutes in duration.

Presentation Information	
Preferred Date of Presentation	Feb. 13, 2018
Name of Presenter(s)	Dan Sorenson, Jeff Pardee, Bryan Lutes
Organization Represented	Rotary Clubs in Fort McMurray
Topic	Update on Fire Relief Fund distribution
Please List Specific Points/Concerns	
Action Being Requested of Council	Accept as information
Are you providing any supporting documentation (ie: Powerpoint)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, the documentation <u>must</u> accompany this request, as handouts will not be distributed at the meeting. To ensure that your documents meet minimum standards, please see presentation guidelines on the next page.	
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Fort McMurray Fire Relief Fund

District 5370
Rotary
Charitable Foundation 

BACKGROUND

1. What is the Rotary District 5370 Charitable Foundation?

The Rotary District 5370 Charitable Foundation is a public foundation, with CRA recognition, established to assist Rotary clubs in Rotary District 5370 to raise money for their projects. The Foundation is operated entirely by volunteers and has no paid staff. It is managed by a 7 member board of directors, all Rotarians, elected at the Annual General Meeting. The current board consists of Dr. Julius Buski (President), Brenda Tyson (Vice-President), Doug Campbell (Secretary), Kathy Strobl (Treasurer), Lyle Johnson (Director), Frank Reitz (Director), and Pieter Zeeuwen (Director).

2. What is the Fort McMurray Fire Relief Fund

The Fort McMurray Fire Relief Fund was established by the foundation as soon as the evacuation of Fort McMurray commenced. The purpose of the fund is to help Fort McMurray and its citizens recover from the fire.

3. How much money is in the fund?

Approximately one million dollars was raised. Donations came from Rotarians, Rotary clubs and individuals all across Canada, part of the United States, the Caribbean and even from Wales.

4. Who can receive assistance from the fund?

Since the Foundation is a CRA recognized public foundation, it can only issue cheques to other Canadian registered charities or municipal government bodies. These are defined as “qualified donees” in regulations and legislation.

5. How are disbursements being handled? What is the application process?

The Foundation has established a local allocation advisory committee to process applications and provide advice to the Foundation board on which should be funded. The committee, all Rotarians, is chaired by Bryan Lutes and consists of four additional members, two from each of the area Rotary clubs (Rotary Club of Fort McMurray and Rotary Club of Fort McMurray Oilsands).

6. How much has been disbursed to date?

To date, the Foundation has approved applications totalling just over \$700,000. This leave approximately \$300,000 to be disbursed.

7. Will be there additional funds available?

No. Once the balance of the fund (about \$300,000) is disbursed, the fund will be closed.

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