



**City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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Legislative File No: 2010-0295

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Mike Hartner, Director, Parks and Forestry
DATE: July 9, 2010
SUBJECT: Acceptance of gift of the Stoney Creek Schoolhouse

REQUEST:

To accept the gift of the 1848 Stoney Creek Schoolhouse from the Rochester Community Schools (RCS) to the City of Rochester Hills to be part of the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. The Rochester Community Schools officially offered to donate this structure to the City at their June 14, 2010 School Board meeting.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

For the past two years, the Rochester Community Schools and the City of Rochester Hills have been negotiating the possible transfer of the 1848 Stoney Creek Schoolhouse to the City of Rochester Hills to add to the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. The City has completed a facility assessment of the building through inspectors with the Building Department and we have completed a facility assessment of this structure with THA Architects Engineers. The Museum has received a three year irrevocable pledge of \$ 200,000 from a private donor for this structure that will place 50% of the funds in an endowment fund and 50% available for capital repairs. In addition, the RCS will provide the City with \$ 10,000 per year for the first three years and \$ 4,000 a year from 2013 through 2020 to offset capital repairs and operational costs for the City to absorb this building into the Museum operation.

Museum staff will expand the use of this building from being used just two months a year by the RCS into a year round operation of educational programs and community use that is intended to generate revenues to offset operating costs for this building and provide additional funding to cover the Museum operation.

PROCESS:

City Attorney John Staran has approved the contract to transfer this structure from the RCS to the City of Rochester Hills (see attached).

Rochester Hills Supervisor of Interpretive Services Patrick McKay and RCS Facility Manager John Stoner will be in attendance at the July 19, 2010 Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to answer questions.

BUDGET:

The City is not seeking any additional funding or personnel to support the acceptance of this gift of property.

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

RECOMMENDATION:

The City of Rochester Hills will accept the gift of the Stoney Creek Schoolhouse from the Rochester Community Schools.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Budget Content: Finance Director		
Purchasing Process: Supervisor of Procurement		
Mayor		
City Council Liaison		