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COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Cedar Room – Community Centre
June 8, 2009 (6:30pm – 8:00pm)

Members Present: Councillor Trish Panz, Bryony Reid, Cec Scantland, Coral Winfield, Ed Collins, Ieva Cornford, Julianne Yeager, Karen Duffek, Pattie Donnelly, Zarrin Sadeghi

Members Absent: Sonja Sanguinetti

Staff Present: Cathy Matheson (Manager, Cultural Affairs and Partnerships), Leanne Sexsmith (Community Planner, Social Services), Pascal Cuk (Legislative Services Clerk)

Members of Public: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 8, 2009 Community Grants Committee (Committee) meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:
THAT the agenda of June 8, 2009 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Discussion ensued regarding the idea of forming of two Co-Chairs for the Committee, as proposed by staff. One Co-Chair will serve the 'Arts & Culture' portion of the Committee, and the other will serve the 'Social Services and Community Services' portion of the Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the responsibilities of the Co-Chairs both during Committee Meetings as well as during Final Reporting to Council.

Julianne Yeager and Karen Duffek were nominated as Co-Chairs of the Committee.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT Julianne Yeager be appointed Co-Chair of the Community Grants Committee (Social Services and Community Services) and that Karen Duffek be appointed Co-Chair of the Community Grants Committee (Arts & Culture).

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Discussion ensued regarding the Minutes of the May 26, 2009 meeting of the Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the 3-year time-frame in which community grants are awarded, and the limiting factor of such long-term granting of finite funds. The issue of newly arising groups being unable to access funding because it has already been granted was discussed. Options, such as staggering funding allocation times or staggering lengths of funding allocations, were raised and discussed.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the May 26, 2009 Community Grants Committee be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS

The June 8, 2009 Draft Committee Report to Council (and attachment) was passed out to and reviewed by Committee members.

Julianne Yeager introduced the 'Social Services and Community Services' portion of the Council Report. It was reported that the applications were reviewed and rated based on a number of criteria. The criteria include: Fulfillment of specific community needs; existence of measurable aims and outcomes; existence of volunteerism and community capacity; existence of accessible services; partnership with other community groups; and evidence of financial need. It was mentioned that at the last meeting of the Committee, the group decided on how much money, if any, to give each applicant, and that some funding (\$1300) remained after those decisions had been made. The responsibility of granting of that surplus funding was handed over to Leanne Sexsmith.

The idea of retaining the surplus funding was considered and rejected as inappropriate. The additional funding was instead allocated as shown in the Draft Report to Council dated June 8, 2009.

Coral Winfield introduced the 'Arts & Culture' portion of the report. The list of grant recipients and sum of funding was reviewed. It was pointed out that two applications (Iranian Info [Norouz] and Iranian Info [Magazine]) are being referred to Council for their consideration as the sums requested by the two applications are significantly large. It was reported that the twenty-seven applicants had applied for a sum total of \$92,250 in funding, and that the 'Arts & Culture' budget is only \$32,250. It was mentioned that in order to meet increasing demand for arts and culture, an increase in the budget may be required. It was agreed that the Draft Council Report dated June 8, 2009 should be amend so that the sum total of funding granted to 'Arts & Culture' applicants is shown on page one of the report.

Discussion ensued regarding alternate sources of funding received by some applicants from groups such as the West Vancouver Community Foundation. Discussion then ensued regarding funding applicants through means other than monetary grants such as tax exemptions, decreases in rent, etc.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Community Grants Committee recommend to Council that community grants in the amount of \$32,250 for 'Arts & Culture' and \$110,400 for 'Social Services and Community Services' be approved as outlined in the Draft Committee Report dated June 8, 2009 circulated on table.

CARRIED

6. OTHER ITEMS

Discussion ensued regarding the idea of enhancing fund-raising capacity for community groups as an alternate source of funding. It was pointed out that programs or seminars could be held or hosted by the District, at which various groups could learn how to enhance and grow their fund-raising capabilities. The concern was raised that members of the community would not enjoy being contacted by numerous bodies all carrying out their individual fund-raising projects.

Councillor Panz commented upon opportunities for synergy with other District initiatives. In particular, she pointed out Morrie Baillie (Manager of Partnership Development) would be carrying out a workshop related to fund-raising for members of the sport community, and that the Community Grants Committee may want to join that event.

Discussion ensued regarding the desire that groups receiving funding from the Committee leverage that funding into matching grants by other granting bodies.

Leanne Sexsmith reported on the role of the Committee. She informed the group that a binder containing Council Reports, the history of grants in the District, Committee contacts, and Committee procedures will be distributed to members of the Committee. The Committee's Terms of Reference was also alluded to, and the two-year term for members was pointed out.

It was discussed that the Committee would meet again in the Fall of 2009 to make recommendations for community grants. In addition, the Committee may look at other items including: The notion of increased funding for grants; other means of supporting community organizations; and Youth Grants.

Discussion ensued regarding Youth Grants, and that mechanisms need to be worked out in order to enhance the profile of the \$3000 available for youth-oriented organizations.

Discussion ensued regarding Accountability Forms, and the desire to receive more timely forms in the future.

Discussion ensued regarding the District's *Blueprint for Social Responsibility and Change*, and its relation to ongoing work in the District, including the formation of a Strategic Plan. It was agreed that a web-link to the *Blueprint* would be sent to Committee members.

Discussion ensued regarding topics to be addressed by the Committee in future meetings. These topics include: Determining how the District could facilitate the growing of fund-raising capacity within individual groups; determining whether or not there a role for fund-raising workshops; looking at Accountability Feedback Forms; an increase in publication and communications with the community; a review of the Youth Competition Fund; a review of alternate funding mechanisms

7. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None.

8. RESOLUTION RE: EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC PURSUANT TO s.90 and s.93 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER (if required)

Not required.

9. NEXT MEETING

Discussion ensued regarding the next meeting of the Committee. It was agreed that the next meeting would take place during the second week of September, 2009.


Discussion ensued regarding the June 22, 2009 presentation to Council, and the availability of members to attend.

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the June 8, 2009 Community Grants Committee meeting be adjourned at 8:16 pm.

CARRIED



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