



To: General Purposes Committee

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From: Anne Stevens
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Re: Richmond Youth Services Society 2004 Grant

Staff Recommendation

That the remainder of the 2004 grant to Richmond Youth Services Society not be disbursed for reasons outlined in the report from the Manager of Customer Service dated January 7, 2005

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Att. 1

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CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER		
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Staff Report

Origin

In April 2004 the grant request from the Richmond Youth Services Society was brought before Council. The Society requested \$17,000 for the youth centre, which was to be opened at the City owned building on Granville Street.

Council approved the \$17,000 “on the understanding that \$8500 would be disbursed immediately and that the Society report on:

- its progress in extending the hours into the summer months and later in the evening;
- the current services provided by the Society; and
- identify how the expanded hours were being utilized i.e. were the new hours sufficiently late and were the needs of the youth being met.”

This report will address the above recommendations.

Analysis:

A request for the remaining funds of \$8500 came from the Richmond Youth Services Society in September. As additional information and a meeting with the Executive Director were required the final recommendation for Council consideration is being brought forward at this time.

Richmond Youth Services Society went into the Youth Centre on Granville in November 2003 and closed in August of 2004. The intent of the grant money was to keep this drop-in centre open seven days a week until at least 9 p.m.

The table, received from the Society (Attachment 1) gives an indication of the various activities put on by Richmond Youth Services. The stated activities gives Council an indication of the number of programs and services offered by the Society.

The area of interest, for this report, is the PROGRAM column “Richmond Youth Centre.” Much of the activity at the Youth Centre on Granville took place from May to August 2004. The days of operation were Monday to Saturday and depending on the day and the enrolment, the centre would be open either until 6:00 p.m. or 9:00 p.m. The RYSA report does not indicate attendance for the extended hours. When asked the staff from RYSA had only approximate numbers as outlined in their report. It does not appear the youth were attracted to the centre as many of the activities listed are also offered at other facilities in Richmond. The average number of youth coming to the centre on a daily basis is around 1- 10 youth in the summer months.

The Centre on Granville closed in August and the new Youth Services building operated by the Society opened in September 2004 on River Rd.

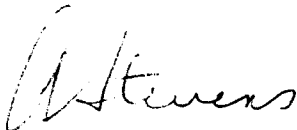
Based on the information received and discussions with Youth Services, staff feel that the additional \$8500 is not warranted. With this stated, staff in no way feel that this denial of funds should impact Youth Services grant application for 2005 grant program.

Financial Impact

None at this time

Conclusion

Richmond Youth Services provides a number of programs for youth. The majority of programs are for youth at risk and are run in conjunction with Vancouver Coastal Health and the Richmond School Board. The youth centre on Granville began setting up in November but mainly operated from May until closing in August. As the extension of hours/days was attempted and the response was minimal, staff feel that the additional funds are not warranted.



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OVERVIEW OF OPERATION OF RICHMOND YOUTH CENTRE
Prepared by Denise Courtts for Presentation to the City of Richmond, October 8, 2004

PROGRAM	ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	COMMUNITY BENEFIT
Asian Youth Support Services Program	Homework Club -- Wednesdays and Thursdays after school	November 2003 to March 2004	6 to 10 students per session; 4 to 7 volunteers per session	Individual and group support and mentoring Individual tutoring and homework help Development of English and social skills Enhanced community awareness and connection to other community services
Asian Youth Support Services	Workshops (4)	November 2003 to March 2004	8 to 12 participants; 2 to 5 volunteers per session	Increased awareness about important issues such as street racing; and topics of interest such as video editing
Asian Youth Support Services	Buddy Program	November 2003 to March 2004	6 youth; 6 buddies	Matched new immigrants with student buddy Met as group twice per week Normally one individual activity per week
Asian Youth Support Services	One-to-One Counselling	November 2003 to March 2004	3 to 5 clients per week	Counselling occurred at youth centre or outreach Addressed issues such as gangs, suicide, anxiety, anger management, bullying, etc
First Nation Program	Family Night	November 2003 to March 2004	6 to 20 members of the aboriginal community	Central meeting place for Aboriginal community Opportunity to address common issues and concerns through Aboriginal ways
First Nations Program	One-to-One or Family Counselling	November 2003 to March 2004	4 to 6 clients per week	Counselling occurred at youth centre or outreach Addressed issues such as diet, substance abuse, anger management, suicide, food, housing, etc
First Nations Program	Workshop	March 2004	20 clients	Aboriginal Wellness through Aboriginal Ways (first in the series of 10 workshops)
Asian Youth Support Services and First Nations Program	Winter Holiday Celebration	December 2003	18 youth and family members	Celebration of tradition: culture and winter holiday season with food, games and gifts
Richmond Youth Centre	Extension of License	March 2004		City of Richmond approves extended use of vacated building at Granville Avenue location to August 31, 2004
First Nations Program	Workshops (9)	April to June 2004	Between 20 to 30 per workshop	Aboriginal Wellness through Aboriginal Ways workshops (drum making, button blankets, etc)
First Nations Program	Family Nights (once per month)	April to June 2003	Between 6 to 20 per night	Central meeting place for Aboriginal community Opportunity to address common issues and concerns through Aboriginal ways

First Nations Program	Asset Development Workshop	May 2004	6 persons	Workshop conducted by Keith Pattinson on asset development in Aboriginal community in Richmond
First Nations Program	One-to-One or Family Counselling	April to July 2004	4 to 6 clients per week	Counselling occurred at youth centre or outreach. Addressed issues such as diet, substance abuse, anger management, suicide, food, housing, etc.
First Nations Program	Special Event	June 2004	16 clients	Celebration of Aboriginal Day
First Nations Program	Camp	July 2004	8 to 12 clients	Week long camp for Aboriginal youth at centre
Richmond Youth Centre	Summer Staff	April to August 2004	2 summer students hired; 1 work experience student	One student hired to program youth centre One student to do promotions and marketing One work experience student
Richmond Youth Centre	Volunteers	May to August 2004	18 individuals	18 individuals recruited, trained and oriented to volunteer at centre during summer (primarily female high school and university students)
Richmond Youth Centre	Hours of Operation	May to August 2004		Hours extended from 37.5 to 45 to 50 hours/week Days increased from Monday to Friday to Monday to Saturday
Richmond Youth Centre	Website and Promotional Materials	May to August 2004	2 summer students, 1 work experience student, various youth volunteers	Hours extended to 6:00 pm or 9:00 pm Website designed and developed by summer student Brochures and promotional flyers developed and distributed in community by staff and volunteers Advertisements and articles in local newspapers
Richmond Youth Centre and Family Services Greater Vancouver/RADAT	Posse Group	May to June 2004	2 to 4 per session	Partnership with RYSA, use of facility Sessions cancelled due to lack of attendance Sessions to be restarted in Fall of 2004
Richmond Youth Centre and Family Services Greater Vancouver	Connect Project	June to August 2004	6 to 12 youth per session	Partnership with RYSA, use of facility Dedicated use of facility on Mondays for their project
Richmond Youth Centre	Drop-in Programs and Activities (daily noon or 3:00pm to 6:00pm Tuesday to Saturday)	June to August 2004	Between 1 to 8 youth per day	Drop-in activities included ball hockey, basketball, pool, games, arts and crafts, etc Mostly boys between ages of 12 and 15 Family holidays and hot weather limited anticipated participation particularly in late July and early August
Richmond Youth Centre	Programs (2 different programs offered per day)	July to August 2004	Between 1 to 5 participants per session	Mostly boys between ages of 12 and 15, particularly in woodworking activities Girls involved in arts and crafts, cooking, etc
Richmond Youth Centre	Special Event	July 2004	6 volunteers; 18 youth	Two-day Canada Day Celebration weekend event

Richmond Youth Centre	Special Event	August 2004	8 volunteers; 15 tables sold	Youth Friendly Flea Market held 80 people were in attendance until rain caused cancellation of special event
Richmond Youth Centre and Seniors Centre	Special Events	July and August 2004	12 youth, 2 RYSA staff; 2 work experience students	Youth volunteered at the two seniors barbeques to help with set up and take down; serving, etc Development of infrastructure for intergenerational project in Richmond for Fall of 2004
Richmond Youth Centre	Close Down and Re-location	August 2004	2 RYSA staff and 4 adult and 6 youth volunteers	Richmond Youth Centre closed down at Granville Avenue location and relocated at 11220 Voyageur Way – warehouse space turned into youth centre (painting, wiring, plumbing, decorating, etc)
Richmond Youth Centre	Richmond Youth Centre Advisory Council	May to August 2004	1 youth, 1 RYSA Staff and 1 Board of Director	Research into other Council models Development of Richmond Youth Centre Advisory Council model
Richmond Youth Centre	SkillsLink Program (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm)	September 1, 2004 onward	12 at risk youth	8 weeks of pre-employment training in youth centre; 15 week work experience
Richmond Youth Centre	Richmond Youth Centre Advisory Council	September 1, 2004 onward	2 RYSA staff and 3 volunteers	Process to recruit, interview and select 8 youth for the Richmond Youth Advisory Council October 16 – First meeting of RYCAC October 22 – Training and orientation November 13 – Asset Development training
Richmond Youth Centre	United Way Days of Caring Event	September 16, 2004	6 volunteers from Ivanhoe Cambridge	Finishing touches provided (painting, cleaning, etc) in preparation for Open House \$500 donation received from Ivanhoe Cambridge
Richmond Youth Centre	Open House	September 20, 2004	6 RYSA staff, 4 youth volunteers, RYSA Board	Community invited to come and see the Richmond Youth Centre Approximately 150 individuals from community and business sector have toured facility to date
Richmond Youth Centre	Programs		GOAL: 25 youth volunteers; 250 youth memberships sold; and total of 500 to 750 youth participants by November 30, 2005	September 1 to October 15 – Program planning, volunteer recruitment, promotions, etc October 18 – Start of after school tutoring and clubs October 27 – Start of workshops (after school early evening and Saturdays) November 1 – Start of evening drop-in activities November 12 – First Movie Night November 22 – Start of Youth Community Kitchen and Cooking Classes

Richmond Youth Centre and Seniors Centre	Pilot Project	September 1, 2004 onward	GOAL: 20 youth and 20 seniors	December 1 – Start of Winter Holiday activities and special events Intergenerational Pilot Project to be launched based upon Asset Development framework Application for funding sources Target to launch project in November or December 2004
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