



General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, February 20, 2012

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair
Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Derek Dang
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Ken Johnston
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Linda McPhail
Councillor Harold Steves

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday, February 6, 2012, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

1. **2012 HEALTH, SOCIAL AND SAFETY GRANTS**
(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No. 3468541)

A discussion took place between Lesley Sherlock, Social Planner, and Committee members, and the following was noted:

- applicants had responded favourably to the shorter application form for minor grants, as well as the availability of three-year funding;

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- figures are rounded-up to the nearest dollar as a result of the cost of living increase and other factors, therefore some figures may appear to be out of sync such as the \$1100 amount allocated to the Family Integration and Resource Support Team (FIRST). A suggestion was then made to round-up the grant amount to \$1500 for FIRST;
- 2012 was the first year in which the grant applicants were requested to fill out the Grant Application Summary Sheet, therefore certain pieces of information that have been available in previous years, when City staff filled out the summary sheets, may have been left out;
- a grant amount does not necessarily reflect the value of a group or its programs, the Grant Review Committee takes into consideration factors such as: (i) the length of time a group has been applying for grants, (ii) access to other sources of funding; and (iii) the consistency of community benefits realized by a group's services; and
- the Multicultural Helping House Society grant provides operating assistance for ongoing activities in partnership with the Chinese Mental Wellness Association of Canada. The Helping House Society no longer has an office located in Richmond, and the Society's Richmond services are not as widely available as previously, therefore the grant amount has been reduced accordingly.

With respect to future grant applications, staff was requested to review the applicants' comments provided in the Grant Application Summary Sheet, and provide staff comments in addition to those of the applicants'. It was also noted that it would be helpful if staff provided information relating to the number of people served by the programs offered by the groups as well as how many of those served are Richmond residents.

It was moved and seconded

That, as per the report from the General Manager of Community Services, dated January 27, 2012, with an additional \$400 to the Family Integration and Resource Support Team (FIRST):

- (1) Health, Social and Safety Services Grants be awarded for the recommended amounts, and cheques disbursed for a total of \$530,637 (additional \$400 included); and***
- (2) The following applicants be recommended for the first year of a three-year funding cycle, based on Council approval of each subsequent year of funding:***

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- (a) *Big Sisters of the Lower Mainland;*
- (b) *Canadian Mental Health Association – Richmond Branch;*
- (c) *CHIMO Crisis Services;*
- (d) *Family Services of Greater Vancouver;*
- (e) *Richmond Addiction Services;*
- (f) *Richmond Family Place;*
- (g) *Richmond Multicultural Community Services;*
- (h) *Richmond Youth Service Agency; and*
- (i) *Volunteer Richmond Information Services Society.*

The question on the motion was not called as comments were made about the benefits of the City Grant Program realized by the groups, how new groups are encouraged to seek partnerships, and funding responsibilities in other jurisdictions.

The question on the motion was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2. **2012 PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS GRANTS**

(File Ref. No. 03-1085-01/2012-Vol 01) (REDMS No. 3467295)

Serena Lusk, Manager, Parks Programs, circulated a revised version of attachment 2 of the report, attached as **Schedule 1**, and forming part of these minutes. Ms. Lusk noted that the figure under the *2012 Proposed Awards* for the *Total Parks, Recreation and Community Events Requests*, had changed to \$94,224.

A discussion then ensued about:

- the feasibility of changing the grant amounts allocated to: (i) the Richmond Agricultural and Industrial Society from \$7,247 to \$7,250; and (ii) KidSport - Richmond Chapter from \$6,212 to \$6,250;
- the feasibility of awarding a grant to the Richmond Rockets Speed Skating Club;
- the eligibility for a three-year funding cycle. It was noted that an applicant must have received a grant in each of the previous five years to be eligible;
- the proposed \$3000 grant award to the Steveston Community Society. It was noted that the funds would allow the Society to hire staff to plan and raise further funding for the Sockeye Spin road race; and

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- how the grant monies to KidSport are used for registration only. It was noted that KidSport receives support and contributions from other community organizations, including schools, the Rotary Club, and various sports teams.

It was moved and seconded

(1) *That:*

- (a) *the Richmond Agricultural and Industrial Society be awarded a total grant amount of \$7,250;*
- (b) *KidSport - Richmond Chapter be awarded a total grant amount of \$6,250;*
- (c) *an additional grant of \$500 be awarded to the Richmond Rockets Speed Skating Club;*

for a total additional increase of \$541;

- (2) *That Parks, Recreation and Community Events Grants be allocated and cheques disbursed for a total of \$94,765 (additional \$541 grants included); as identified in attachment 2 of the report, Parks, Recreation and Community Events City Grants dated February 2nd 2012, from the Senior Manager, Parks and the Acting Director, Recreation; and*
- (3) *That the Richmond Summer Programs be recommended for the first year of a three-year funding cycle, based on Council approval of each subsequent year of funding.*

CARRIED

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CAPSTAN STATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

(File Ref. No.: 12-8060-01/2011-Vol 01) (REDMS No. 342845)

It was moved and seconded

That Capstan Station Capital Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 8854 be introduced and given first, second and third reading.

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CHILDCARE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt inquired about the status of the follow-up on the new Terms of Reference for the Child Care Development Grant Program which was revised to expand their ability to recommend grants for more than minor capital expenses.

Staff advised that the Childcare Statutory Reserve fund was originally established for capital expenses only, and that the matter must be reviewed to expand the uses of the fund. The process may involve a bylaw amendment. Staff also advised that a report on the matter is forthcoming to the March 6, 2012 Planning Committee meeting.

DELEGATION

De Whalen, 13631 Blundell Road, stated that she was speaking on behalf of the Richmond Poverty Response Committee, and thanked the City for the \$5,000 grant. Ms. Whalen then spoke about the Rental Connect Project, noting that the Project's aim was to connect low income tenants with landlords with a social conscience. She also stated that there was a need to educate and engage landlords to address the gap in housing for low income tenants. Prior to conclusion, Ms. Whalen expressed concerns about how the Committee has had difficulties finding City venues at no charge to host workshops and educational seminars, and asked if it was possible for the City to provide venues for such events in-kind.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (4:53 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, February 20, 2012.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

Shanan Dhaliwal
Executive Assistant
City Clerk's Office

Parks, Recreation Community Events - Recommended Grant Allocation

	APPLICANT	2011 AWARD*	2012 REQUEST	Major / Minor / 3 year**	2012 Proposed Award	Comments
1	East Richmond Community Association		\$1,500	Minor	\$1,500	To support the Summer Fun Nights event
2	Hamilton Community Association	\$1,015	\$1,500	Minor	\$1,500	Increase from last year to support Hamilton Festival
3	The Kehila Society	n/a	\$5,000	Minor	\$1,000	To support Jewish Film Festival in Richmond
4	KidSport - Richmond Chapter	\$6,090	\$10,000	Major	\$6,212	Same level plus cost of living increase; to assist children in low-income families to access sport and recreation opportunities
5	Richmond Agricultural & Industrial Society	\$7,105	\$18,055	Major / 3 years	\$7,247	Same level plus cost of living increase; to support the Salmon Festival and Steveston Farmer's and Artisan's Market
6	Richmond Chinese Community Society	\$2,538	\$33,500	Major	\$3,000	Increase to support delivery of recreation programs.
7	Richmond City Centre Community Association	\$4,060	\$14,900	Major	\$10,000	Increase from last year to support delivery of after school program for low-asset children.
8	Richmond Fitness & Wellness Association	\$2,030	\$10,000	Major	\$9,000	Significant increase to support delivery of the Walk Richmond Program which helps meet the desired outcomes of both the Sport for Life and Wellness Strategies
9	Richmond Rockets Speed Skating Club	n/a	\$5,000	Minor	\$0	Denied; A grant is not recommended for this group as no additional secured funding partners or working partnerships have been identified.
10	Steveston Community Society	\$1,015	\$35,344	Major / 3 years	\$3,000	Increase to support the hiring of staff to deliver future Sockeye Spin road race
11	Richmond Summer Project c/o Steveston Community Society	\$50,750	\$50,000	Major	\$51,765*	Same level plus cost of living increase; to support low cost summer programs
	TOTAL Parks, Recreation & Community Events Requests		\$184,799		\$94,224	
	Total Funding Available		\$96,587		\$96,587	
	GAP		-\$88,212		\$2,363	

*includes cost of living increase

**Minor = less than \$5000; Major = greater than \$5000; 3 year = applicants receiving City Grants for a minimum of the five most recent consecutive cycles will have the option of applying for a maximum three-year funding cycle.