



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

MINUTES

An Open meeting of the Executive Committee of Council was held in the Council Committee Room, Main Floor, City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC on **Wednesday, 2020 February 05** at 4:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Chair
Mayor Mike Hurley, Vice Chair
Councillor Paul McDonell, Member
Councillor James Wang, Member

ABSENT: Councillor Pietro Calendino, Member (*due to illness*)

STAFF: Mr. Lambert Chu, City Manager
Ms. Noreen Kassam, Director Finance
Mr. Dave Ellenwood, Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Mr. David Jordan, Arts Services Manager
Ms. Elaine Wong, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Ms. Nikolina Vracar, Administrative Officer 2

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

The Chair, Councillor Dhaliwal, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hə́ŋqəmiṇə́m and Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this shared territory.

2. MINUTES

(a) **Minutes of the Executive Committee of Council Open meeting held on 2019 December 04**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the minutes of the Executive Committee of Council Open meeting held on 2019 December 04 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **DELEGATIONS**

(a) **Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society**

Re: Recognition of Komagata Maru

Speaker: Raj Singh Toor, Vice President and Spokesperson

Mr. Raj Singh Toor, Vice President and Spokesperson, Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society, appeared before the Committee to request naming of a civic asset in memory of the Komagata Maru passengers.

Mr. Toor advised that the Komagata Maru ship arrived in Vancouver on 1914 May 23 carrying 376 passengers from India. The Provincial and Federal Governments prevented passengers from disembarking, and limited the local Sikh community's access to the ship to provide food, water and medication. The ship was forced to return to India where British troops killed, injured and imprisoned the passengers.

The Provincial and Federal Governments have apologized for the incident, and the City of Brampton, Ontario, has opened a park in memory of the passengers.

In conclusion, Mr. Toor requested that the City name a civic asset (i.e. street or park) in memory of the Komagata Maru passengers.

The Committee inquired regarding other BC municipalities' initiatives on this matter.

The delegation advised that the City of Surrey has unveiled a commemorative street sign on the 75A Avenue.

Staff advised that the Federal Government has built a Komagata Maru monument in Coal Harbour.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY MAYOR HURLEY

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL

THAT the delegation's request be **REFERRED** to staff for a report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) **The Fortius Foundation**

Re: Fortius Community Programs

Speakers: Andy Price, Executive Director

Dani Langford, Physiotherapist and Program Lead, BACK in the Game Program

Jermaine John-Archer, Strength and Conditioning Coach and Program Lead, LifelongSTRONG Program

Mr. Andy Price, Executive Director, **Ms. Dani Langford**, Physiotherapist and Program Lead, BACK in the Game Program, and **Mr. Jermaine John-Archer**,

Strength and Conditioning Coach and Program Lead, LifelongSTRONG Program, The Fortius Foundation, appeared before the Committee to provide information on community programs.

The delegation advised that the charitable Foundation owns the Fortius Sport & Health facility in Burnaby, and supports individuals' fitness and recreational goals through programs, including:

- BACK in the Game (multidisciplinary program for youth ages 11 to 17 with back pain returning to sport and regular physical activity);
- LifeLongSTRONG (strength and balance, low impact cardiovascular and mobility program for adults); and
- KidsMove Schools (inclusive physical literacy program for children ages nine to 12 which increases participants' confidence and physical activity).

BACK in the Game has 80% success rate, and the KidsMove Schools has engaged over 1,250 children and 50 teachers. The Foundation's programs are supported by many organizations in the community, including Burnaby Firefighters and the City.

In conclusion, the delegation requested an operating grant in support of its capacity to extend programs and enhance their sustainability.

The Committee inquired if funding may be provided for a specific program, and regarding the use of an operating grant (compared to a program grant provided in 2019). Further, the Committee inquired if program participants incur any cost.

Mr. Price confirmed that funding can be targeted, and advised the grant would be used to: build the fundraising and research capacity (to understand the programs' impact) and increase awareness about the programs.

The School District 41 covers the transportation costs for the KidsMove Schools, and participants do not incur any costs. Further, Mr. Price advised that the Foundation offers bursaries for the BACK in the Game and subsidizes the LifelongSTRONG.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY MAYOR HURLEY
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL

THAT the delegation's request be **REFERRED** to staff for a report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **[Correspondence from Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society](#)**
Re: Recognition of Komagata Maru

Correspondence was received from Mr. Raj Singh Toor, Vice President and Spokesperson, Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society, requesting naming of a civic asset in memory of the Komagata Maru passengers.

This matter was dealt with under Item 3(a).

(b) **[Correspondence from Amrita Narciso](#)**
Re: Burnaby School Bursary

Correspondence was received from Ms. Amrita Narciso, seeking inclusion of independent and private school students in the City's Bursary Award Policy and Program.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY MAYOR HURLEY
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL

THAT the correspondence be **REFERRED** to staff for a report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(c) **[Correspondence from Helen Ward](#)**
Re: Burnaby School Bursary

Correspondence was received from Ms. Helen Ward, expressing concerns regarding exclusion of independent school and home schooled students from the City's Bursary Award Policy and Program.

This matter was dealt with under Item 4(b).

(d) **[Memorandum from the Director Finance](#)**
Re: BashFest - Festival Sponsorship

A memorandum was received from the Director Finance in response to funding request from Tourism Burnaby's delegation at the 2019 December 04 Open meeting regarding BASHFest, an inaugural competitive gaming event to be held in Burnaby on 2020 February 21 to 23.

MOVED BY MAYOR HURLEY
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. REPORTS

(a) [Report from the Director Finance](#)
Re: 2020 Seniors Lunch/Dinner Grants

The Director Finance submitted a report seeking Council's authorization to award the 2020 lunch/dinner grants to Burnaby-based seniors groups

The Director Finance recommended:

1. THAT the Executive Committee recommend Council award a grant increase in the amount \$2.00 per person for a total value of \$10.00 per person to Burnaby-based seniors groups applying for a 2020 lunch or dinner grant.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL

THAT the recommendation of the Director Finance be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. FESTIVALS BURNABY GRANTS APPROVED BUDGET - \$250,000

7. NEW APPLICATIONS - FESTIVALS BURNABY

(a) Small Scale Events

(a) [#20-S-001 - Mali Kurdistanian Society](#)
Kurdish New Year Nawruz

An application was received from the Mali Kurdistanian Society for the Kurdish New Year Nawruz to be held on 2020 March 21 at Barnet Marine Park. The festival includes musical performances (including dancing, singing, and poetry readings), Kurdish and Kurdish-inspired foods and beverages, family activities and picnics, and sharing of heritage and traditions with the community. Approximately 3,000 Kurds in the Metro Vancouver participate in the celebration.

Request: \$6,000

CPA: 2019 - No Application
2018 - No Application
2017 - No Application

Staff advised that the festival location has been changed to Swangard Stadium.

MOVED BY MAYOR HURLEY
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT a grant in the amount of \$2,000 be awarded to the Mali Kurdistanian Society to assist with the cost of Kurdish New Year Nawruz to be held on 2020 March 21 at Swangard Stadium.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) [#20-S-002 - Vancouver Cantonese Opera](#)
The Bamboo Theatre: A Cantonese Opera Festival

An application was received from the Vancouver Cantonese Opera for the Bamboo Theatre: A Cantonese Opera Festival to be held on 2020 May 30 at the Michael J. Fox Theatre. The Bamboo Theatre is inspired by the historic festivals held in China, where travelling opera troupes performed on open-air bamboo stages, and strengthened community bonds through their performances. Cantonese opera is a unique combination of performing arts including singing, dancing, acting, miming and acrobatic movements. Since 2000, the Vancouver Cantonese Opera has produced more than 23 performances in Metro Vancouver.

Request: \$6,000	CPA: 2019 - No Application
	2018 - No Application
	2017 - \$3,500 (Small Scale Grant)*

**Due to unforeseen circumstances, the 2017 festival was cancelled and the grant was returned to the City.*

MOVED BY MAYOR HURLEY
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT a grant in the amount of \$3,500 be awarded to the Vancouver Cantonese Opera to assist with the cost of Bamboo Theatre: A Cantonese Opera Festival to be held on 2020 May 30 at the Michael J. Fox Theatre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **COMMUNITY GRANTS APPROVED BUDGET - \$400,000**

- a) [Program Grants Approved Budget - \\$300,000](#)
- b) [Operating Grants Approved Budget - \\$100,000](#)

9. **NEW APPLICATIONS - COMMUNITY GRANTS**

a) **#20.01. - Cumberland Place Community** *Block Party*

An application was received from Cumberland Place Community requesting a grant in support of a block party in the Burnaby neighbourhood to be held on Saturday, 2020 July 18. Festivities include games and inflatables for children, popcorn, hot dogs, and neighbourhood potluck, informational booths, Indigenous art displays, and a “Celebrate Burnaby” sidewalk chalk competition.

Request: \$500	CPA: 2019 - \$300
	2018 - \$300
	2017 - \$300

MOVED BY MAYOR HURLEY
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT a grant in the amount of \$500 be awarded to Cumberland Place Community to assist with the cost of hosting a block party on 2020 July 18 in Burnaby.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) **#20.02. - Pro Motion Research Institute and The Fortius Foundation** *Operating Costs*

An application was received from the Pro Motion Research Institute and The Fortius Foundation requesting an operating grant in support of their capacity to deliver programs to Burnaby residents. In 2020, the Institute's and the Foundation's goals include: expanding delivery of the KidsMove Schools program to local schools in addition to sessions currently held at the Fortius Sport and Health Centre; attaining financial sustainability; and seeking funding from the Federal and Provincial Governments. The KidsMove program provides inclusive physical and health education to Burnaby elementary school students; builds skills, confidence and enjoyment in physical activity; and furthers teachers' knowledge to deliver schools' physical and health education programs.

Request: \$10,000	CPA: 2019 - \$15,000*
	2018 - No Application
	2017 - Denied

**In 2019, Council awarded a \$15,000 program grant in support of the KidsMove Schools.*

MOVED BY MAYOR HURLEY
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT this grant application be **TABLED**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The grant application was TABLED pending staff report requested under Item 3(b).

c) [#20.03.p - Burnaby Hospice Society](#)
Hike for Hospice Burnaby

An application was received from the Burnaby Hospice Society requesting an in-kind grant for printing of promotional materials (brochures, posters, banners, etc.) for the 18th annual Hike for Hospice Burnaby to be held on Sunday, 2020 May 3 in Central Park, Burnaby. The event includes a barbeque, silent auction, children's activities and 50/50 draw. Event proceeds assist the Society's hospice palliative care and bereavement support programs, offered at no cost to Burnaby residents and their families and friends. In 2019, palliative care volunteers visited more than 3,000 residents and 639 residents received bereavement support.

Request:	\$1,500 in-kind printing	CPA:	2019 - \$1,500 (in-kind printing)
			2018 - \$1,500 (in-kind printing)
			2017 - \$1,500 (in-kind printing)

MOVED BY MAYOR HURLEY
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT an in-kind grant in the amount of \$1,500 be awarded to Burnaby Hospice Society to assist with printing of promotional materials the 18th annual Hike for Hospice Burnaby to be held on Sunday, 2020 May 3 in Central Park, Burnaby.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d) [#20.04. - Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of BC](#)
Operating Costs

An application was received from the Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of BC requesting an operating grant in support of increased demand for services and programs provided to Burnaby residents. Services and programs include: a 24/7 distress line and online distress chat service; mental health and suicide support workshops for youth; and suicide prevention workshops for health care workers, school staff, police, emergency services staff, youth workers, and older adult care providers. In 2019, at least 1,686 unique calls and chats originated in Burnaby with approximately 1,505

residents accessing the online chat. In 2020, the organization's goals include: recruitment of approximately 280 new volunteers; enrollment of approximately 140 new volunteers in training programs; and securing funding for more paid crisis services responders and/or training facilitators.

Request:	\$5,000	CPA:	2019 - \$4,000
			2018 - \$4,000
			2017 - \$4,000

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL

THAT an operating grant in the amount of \$5,000 be awarded to the Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of BC in support of programs and services provided to Burnaby residents.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- e) [#20.05. - Cameray Child and Family Services](#)
Burnaby ECD Community Table's Program Coordinator

An application was received from the Cameray Child and Family Services on behalf of the Burnaby Early Childhood Development (ECD) Community Table requesting a grant in support of the Program Coordinator position. The Table is a coalition of 46 non-profit and public partners providing programs and services to children under the age of six and their families in Burnaby. The coordinator collaborates with partnering agencies regarding planning and delivery of programs, services, activities and educational support.

Request:	\$10,000	CPA:	2019 - \$7,000
			2018 - No Application
			2017 - No Application

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG
SECONDED BY MAYOR HURLEY

THAT an operating grant in the amount of \$8,000 be awarded to the Cameray Child and Family Services in support of the Burnaby Early Childhood Development (ECD) Community Table's Program Coordinator position.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. NEW BUSINESS

His Worship, Mayor Hurley – Notice of Motion – Burnaby Pride Community Celebration

His Worship, Mayor Hurley, provided the Committee with the following Notice of Motion:

“WHEREAS limited services and supports for the LGBTQIA2s+ community currently exist in Burnaby; and

WHEREAS within this local context, the hosting of an annual Pride event is of particular importance as a symbol of visible community inclusion and celebration; and

WHEREAS for the larger Burnaby community, the event promotes understanding and fosters a sense of community while symbolizing the City’s commitment to celebrating diversity and creating inclusion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to bring forward a report to the Executive Committee of Council outlining avenues for the City to support the financial and operational sustainability of the annual Burnaby Pride community celebration.”

Without objection by any member, the Notice of Motion was waived and the motion was before the Committee:

MOVED BY MAYOR HURLEY
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL

WHEREAS limited services and supports for the LGBTQIA2s+ community currently exist in Burnaby; and

WHEREAS within this local context, the hosting of an annual Pride event is of particular importance as a symbol of visible community inclusion and celebration; and

WHEREAS for the larger Burnaby community, the event promotes understanding and fosters a sense of community while symbolizing the City’s commitment to celebrating diversity and creating inclusion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to bring forward a report to the Executive Committee of Council outlining avenues for the City to support the financial and operational sustainability of the annual Burnaby Pride community celebration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. INQUIRIES

There were no inquiries brought before the Committee at this time.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Committee meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Nikolina Vracar
Administrative Officer 2

Councillor Sav Dhaliwal
Chair