



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 3:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

PRESENT: Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Chair
His Worship, Mayor Mike Hurley, Vice Chair
Councillor Pietro Calendino, Member
Councillor Joe Keithley, Member
Councillor James Wang, Member

STAFF: Mr. Lambert Chu, City Manager
Mr. Dipak Dattani, Director Corporate Services
Ms. Noreen Kassam, Director Finance
Ms. Pat Tennant, Director Human Resources
Mr. Dave Ellenwood, Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Mr. Ed Kozak, Director Planning & Building
Ms. Elaine Wong, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Ms. Nikolina Vracar, Administrative Officer 2
Ms. Georgette Cabrilo, Council Support Assistant
Ms. Samantha Thompson, Council Support Assistant

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the Open Committee meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. and conducted the roll call.

The Chair, Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓q̓əmi̓n̓əm̓ and Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this territory.

The Chair welcomed Councillor Keithley to the Committee.

2. **MINUTES**

2.1 **Minutes of the Executive Committee of Council Open meeting held on 2020 July 14**

MOVED BY MAYOR HURLEY
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the minutes from the Executive Committee of Council meeting held on 2020 July 14 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **DELEGATION**

3.1 **Social Diversity for Children Foundation - Re: Impact and Importance of Social Learning Programs**

Speaker: David Wang, President

Mr. David Wang, President, Social Diversity for Children Foundation (SDCF), appeared via Zoom before the Committee to provide information on the Foundation's programs.

Mr. Wang advised that approximately 16% of Canadians, including more than 200,000 youth, live with a disability.

SDCF is a Canadian charity, which empowers youth to empower children living with a disability. The Foundation provides social learning programs that help children of all abilities form interpersonal connections, and equip youth to educate their communities about the importance of diversity. The programs include:

- Education Through Creativity - encourages imagination, invention, coping with everyday challenges, and celebration through art and self-expression;
- Building Bridges with Music - promotes social interaction between children of all abilities and confident expression through music;
- Melodies in Nature - provides music programming in an outdoor setting; and
- Youth Training Workshops - develop youth's social conscience about disabilities and human rights, and prepare youth to become advocates in community.

Creative programs provide opportunities for a healthy self-expression, and improve verbal, sensory-motor and perceptual-motor skills.

Mr. Wang advised that the pandemic has impacted SDCF's funding, and adaption of programs to a virtual environment includes additional costs.

The Committee noted that the Foundation has previously applied for a community grant (#20.24), and inquired regarding the number of residents served by the programs, program availability in Burnaby, and funding.

Mr. Wang advised that approximately 600 individuals (i.e. children, families and volunteers) benefit from programs delivered over three semesters in the Lower Mainland. Fifty to 100 children participate per semester. The Foundation has until recently worked with the Burnaby School District, and operates a program in Central Park. Federal, Provincial and other Local Governments have provided grant funding.

Arising from discussion, the Committee advised that it will not reconsider the Foundation's 2020 community grant application, which was denied at the July 24 City Council meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Correspondence from SAGE Foundation - Re: Request for Support of the Sage Golf Program (see note)

Correspondence was received from Mr. M.K. Honoré Gbedze, Founder and Co-Chair, SAGE (Social Acceptance of Great Excellence) Foundation, providing information about the Foundation and its Sage Golf Program for underprivileged youth. The program assists youth in building strong character and leadership skills. The Foundation has advised it will apply for a green fee waiver under the City's Community Grant Program.

4.2 Correspondence from the Burnaby Artists Guild - Re: Assistance with a Facility Rental Fee

Correspondence was received from Ms. Annie Boulanger, Director at Large, Burnaby Artists Guild, seeking assistance with a facility rental fee for meetings held at the Shadbolt Centre of the Arts. Ms. Boulanger expressed concern regarding the Guild's ability to pay a full fee with reduced room seating capacity due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the new requirement to obtain additional insurance coverage.

Staff advised that the Guild pays a reduced facility rental fee rate set by a bylaw, has been offered Wi-Fi access in support of holding meetings via Zoom; and has received a credit for its cancelled meetings.

4.3 Correspondence from the Helping Families in Need Society - Re: Letter of Appreciation (#20.23)

Correspondence was received from Ms. Roxy Abernethy, Director, Helping Families in Need Society, expressing appreciation for \$10,000 community grant awarded by Burnaby City Council at its Open meeting held on 2020 July 27.

5. REPORT

5.1 Report from the Director Planning and Building - Re: Update of City of Burnaby Equity Policy

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report proposing draft language for the City's updated Equity Policy.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT the Committee request Council to approve the updated City Equity Policy, as outlined in Section 5.0 of the report.
2. THAT the Committee request Council to approve the implementation framework outlined in Section 6.0 of the report.
3. THAT a copy of the report be referred to the Social Planning Committee for information.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the recommendations of the Director Planning and Building be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. FESTIVALS BURNABY GRANTS AVAILABLE BUDGET - \$225,500

6.1 Festivals Burnaby Grants Approved to Date - \$40,000

Note: Festivals Burnaby grants #20-S-001, #20-S-002, and #20-L-001, approved by Council on 2020 February 10 and 2020 March 09, were returned to the City as a result of festivals cancellation due to COVID-19.

7. **COMMUNITY GRANTS AVAILABLE BUDGET - \$ 247,798 (Programs) and \$ 37,850 (Operating Costs)**

7.1 **Program Grants Approved to Date - \$53,300**

Note: Approved grants amount does not include green fee waiver #20.07.g. Unused portion of in-kind printing grant #20.03.p, approved by Council on 2020 February 10, and full green fee waiver #20.07.g, approved by Council on 2020 March 09, will not be expensed as a result of events cancellation due to COVID-19.

7.2 **Operating Grants Approved to Date - \$62,150**

8. **NEW APPLICATIONS - COMMUNITY GRANTS**

8.1 **#20.25.o - United Way of the Lower Mainland**

Street Banner Program

An application was received from United Way of the Lower Mainland requesting an in-kind grant (for labour cost) in support of the 2020 United Way Campaign in the amount of \$10,000 to cover banner installation and removal costs along Kingsway, between Boundary Road and Royal Oak Avenue. The banners would be installed from 2020 November 01 to December 31. Approximately 37,500 residents benefit from United Way programs.

Request: \$10,000 in-kind labour cost*

CPA: *in-kind labour cost 2019 - \$10,000 (used \$1,908) / 2018 - \$10,000 (used \$3,919) / 2017 - \$15,000 (used \$3,279)*

**Request for \$10,000 is due to unforeseen circumstance such as the need for hardware replacement.*

MOVED BY MAYOR HURLEY

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT an in-kind grant of \$10,000 be awarded to United Way of the Lower Mainland in support of their 2020 United Way Campaign to cover banner installation and removal costs along Kingsway, between Boundary Road and Royal Oak Avenue, from 2020 November 01 to December 31.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 #20.26. - Down Syndrome Resource Foundation

One to One Children Programs

An application was received from the Burnaby-based Down Syndrome Resource Foundation (DSRF) requesting a grant in support of the One to One Children Programs from 2020 September 15 to 2021 June 30. The DSRF provides specialized and innovative health and education programs and services which meet the complex health and educational needs, increase social connectedness and self-esteem, improve the quality of life, and provide a foundation for lifelong learning for children living with Down Syndrome. Programs and services focus on speech, language and occupational therapy, reading and communication, math, and enhancing the life skills that foster maximum independence. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, virtual programs (i.e. telehealth services, online resources and group programs) have been implemented. The Foundation's centre is open for small group programs with larger opening planned for 2020 September. Approximately 563 individuals, 52% of which are Burnaby residents, benefit annually from these services.

Request: \$15,000

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

MOVED BY MAYOR HURLEY

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT a grant in the amount of \$10,000 be awarded to the Down Syndrome Resource Foundation in support of One to One Children Programs in Burnaby from 2020 September 15 to 2021 June 30.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 #20.27. - Volunteer Grandparents

Bridging the Generations: Virtual Resources to Stay Connected

An application was received from Volunteer Grandparents requesting a grant to offset additional costs for maintaining existing programming from 2020 July to December. Volunteer Grandparents supports and encourages multi-generational relationships, and the concept of the extended family. The Family Match Program matches senior volunteers (i.e. grandparents) with families who have children aged 3 to 14 years and do not have grandparents. The School Grandparent Program provides senior volunteers for elementary school activities through which volunteers share their skills, knowledge and experience. Letters to Seniors Program supports isolated seniors in care facilities with encouraging drawings and messages sent by youth during the COVID-19 pandemic. The organization

plans to establish a pen pal program, and to use funds for recruitment, screening and training of senior volunteers; to increase program enrollment and promote its services; and to develop a new online mentoring program. In 2020, approximately 125 Burnaby residents are benefiting from the programs.

Request: \$7,500

CPA: 2019 - \$1,500 in-kind printing* / 2018 - \$1,000 in-kind printing** / 2017 - No Application

**\$1,500 in-kind printing grant was awarded to Volunteer Grandparents for printing costs for the Family Match and School Grandparent Programs.*

***\$1,000 in-kind printing grant was awarded to Volunteer Grandparents for printing of promotional materials for their 45th anniversary campaign.*

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT a grant in the amount of \$1,500 be awarded to Volunteer Grandparents to help offset additional costs for maintaining their existing programming from 2020 July to December.

- amended

Arising from discussion and without objection by any member, the Committee **AMENDED** the main motion as follows:

THAT an in-kind printing grant in the amount of \$1,500 be awarded to Volunteer Grandparents to help offset additional costs for maintaining their existing programming from 2020 July to December.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the main motion be adopted, **AS AMENDED**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 #20.28. - MOSAIC

BIPOC Voices on Racism and Anti-Racism Program

An application was received from MOSAIC requesting a grant in support of a virtual anti-racism program from 2020 November to 2021 March. The program will include a two-hour webinar featuring the Black, Indigenous and People of Colour (BIPOC) panelists discussing racism, its manifestation in the community, and guiding participants to take responsibility and become more anti-racist.

Monthly training sessions will provide educational opportunities for the community, and address topics such as transitioning from a bystander to an ally, impacts of settlers' colonialism in Canada, and development of anti-racism skills and competencies for systematic social change. The target audience are residents volunteering and/or working in Burnaby. Approximately 80 individuals are expected to attend the webinar, and approximately 30 individuals are expected to attend each training session.

Request: \$10,695

CPA: 2019/2018/2017 - No Application

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

THAT this grant application be DENIED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought before the Committee at this time.

10. INQUIRIES

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

11. CLOSED

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY MAYOR HURLEY

THAT the Committee, in accordance with Sections 90 and 92 of the Community Charter, do now resolve itself into a Closed meeting from which the public is excluded to consider matters concerning personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity; and labour relations or other employee relations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY MAYOR HURLEY

THAT the Open Committee meeting recess at 4:02 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the Open Committee meeting reconvene at 4:13 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the Executive Committee of Council meeting adjourn at 4:14 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


CHAIR


ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER