



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

MINUTES

An 'Open' meeting of the Executive Committee of Council was held in Council Chambers, Main Floor, City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC on **Thursday, 2015 March 19** at 5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor S. Dhaliwal, Chair
Councillor P. McDonell, Vice Chair
Councillor D. Johnston, Member

STAFF: Ms. G. Parent, Arts Services Manager
Mr. B. Klimek, Deputy Director Finance
Mr. D. Layng, Chief Licence Inspector
Insp. S. Wade, Burnaby Detachment, RCMP
Ms. L. Axford, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. MINUTES

- (a) **Minutes of the Executive Committee of Council Open meeting held on 2015 February 19**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:

THAT the minutes of the Executive Committee of Council Open meeting held on 2015 February 19 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATIONS

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:

THAT the delegations be heard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (a) **Chris Schafer, UBER Public Policy Manager - Canada**
Re: UBER Ride-Sharing Service
Speaker: Chris Schafer

Chris Schafer, UBER Public Policy Manager, Canada appeared as a delegation providing an overview on UBER as a ride-sharing service and referenced operation in Toronto, Ottawa, Edmonton and various cities throughout the United States and Europe. The speaker advised that a customer would sign up with an email address, download a free app to their smart phone to book a ride and pay via their phone. All drivers use their own vehicles with real-time GPS tracking technology to locate and pick up customers.

Mr. Schafer highlighted the following main points:

- drivers must be 21 years old, have a current license issued in BC and personal auto insurance
- drivers are able to earn extra money through ride-sharing
- vehicles are mid or full size with 4 doors in excellent condition
- complements the service provided by public transport
- vehicles are given a 26 point safety inspection
- the service improves the customer experience and behaviors
- cash does not change hands
- high percent of women drivers
- drivers are ranked and receive written feedback in real-time
- 30-45 percent less cost than the traditional taxi

Mr. Schafer provided additional details regarding UberBlack, a limousine service with an app that alerts you where to stand for your pick up and provides a picture so the drivers know who you are. The speaker noted that airport pick up service is available and that different options are in place to ensure airport annual service fees are being paid.

The Chair inquired why the Germany Court had banned UBER. The speaker advised that UBER operates in over 300 cities worldwide and was not aware of the number of cities that were currently banning UBER.

The Chair advised that UBER must follow the bylaws and legislation as stipulated for City of Burnaby and emphasized the following three key factors that must be in place to operate:

- PTB (Passenger Transportation Board) Licence
- Burnaby Business Licence
- Chauffeur's Permit (issued by the RCMP)

The Chair thanked Mr. Schafer for appearing as a delegation at the request of the Committee and advised his presentation was strictly to gather information and clarified that a licence was not being considered.

**(b) Emon Bari, General Manager, Bonny's Taxi
Mohan Kang, President BC Taxi Association
Re: Uber Ride-Sharing Service
Speakers: Emon Bari and Mohan Kang**

Emon Bari, General Manager, Bonny's Taxi and Mohan Kang, President of BC Taxi Association appeared as a delegation expressing concerns regarding the UBER ride-sharing service noting that a previous attempt to launch UBER was done in 2012.

Mr. Bari advised that the UBER Business Model disregards existing legislated requirements for the Province as they will not:

- obtain a commercial licence
- complete the RCMP checks
- obtain appropriate liability insurance (10M)
- meet vehicle inspection level as required of taxi service
- undergo the Taxi Host Program (currently required by the City)

Mr. Kang, President BC Taxi Association, echoed Mr. Bari's concerns regarding the disregard for regulations and rules that govern public safety. The speaker noted that UBER wishes to 'cherry pick' only customers with a credit card which would ultimately disenfranchise seniors or young persons who want to pay by cash.

In closing, Mr. Kang emphasized that the taxi industry in BC is closely regulated through the Passenger Transportation Act and if the UBER Business Model was approved it would create chaos and public safety would be compromised.

Arising from discussion, the Committee introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:

THAT correspondence received regarding this matter be forwarded to staff for their information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Arising from consideration of the correspondence, the Committee also received a letter from Mr. Kevin Harding regarding a cooperative solution to taxi and UBER service in Burnaby.

**(a) Correspondence from Scouts Canada
Pacific Coast Council Grant Approval
Re: Letter of Appreciation (#15/12)**

A letter of appreciation was received from Scouts Canada, Pacific Coast Council thanking Burnaby City Council for awarding a grant in support of Scouting programs for Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts in the amount of \$5,000 for 2015.

**(b) Correspondence received from Steve McConnell
Re: UBER**

Correspondence was received from Steve McConnell encouraging the Committee to look favourably on the UBER presentation. The writer noted his experience with the service in LA and that the ride-sharing program is vastly superior to existing taxi companies.

**(c) Correspondence received from Harry Randhawa,
Coordinator, TaxiHost Program, JIBC School of Public Safety
Re: UBER Ride-Share Service**

Correspondence was received from Harry Randhawa advising that the Justice Institute (JIBC) Taxi Host Program works in conjunction with the Passenger Transportation Board, Taxi Industry, City of Burnaby and other Lower Mainland jurisdictions, community groups, Tourism BC and the Burnaby RCMP to ensure drivers and taxi companies are compliant with the requirements established as per the current bylaw. Mr. Randhawa recommended that the City consider expanding the bylaw to include any and all chauffeured, limousine or ride share drivers to go through this training.

**(d) Memorandum from Deputy City Clerk
Re: Municipal Broadband**

A memorandum was received from the Deputy City Clerk advising that Burnaby City Council at the Open meeting held on 2015 March 09 received correspondence from Dave MacKinnon regarding the provision of municipal broadband.

Arising from discussion, Council adopted the following motion:

1. THAT this item of correspondence be REFFERED to staff for a report to the Executive Committee.

**(e) Correspondence received from Kevin Harding
Re: UBER, Taxis and Burnaby – a Cooperative Solution**

Correspondence was received from Kevin Harding providing information regarding a taxis cooperative solution as a better form of business. Mr. Harding noted that a taxi cooperative in Burnaby could empower drivers and connect business to the community. The writer referenced an article on the differences between UBER and taxi companies at <http://inci.pe/taxicoop-burnaby>.

5. REPORTS

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**(a) Report from the Director Planning and Building
Re: Community Resource Centres –
2015 Grants and 2015 Lease Rates and Grants**

A report was received from the Director Planning and Building proposing 2015 grants for tenants at the soon-to-be opened Pioneer Community Resource Centre, and presenting proposed lease rates and anticipated lease grants for 2016 for non-profit tenants at all City-owned Community Resource Centres.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT Council approve the proposed 2015 lease grants for the remainder of 2015 for Pioneer Resource Centre tenants, as outlined in Section 2.0 of this report.
2. THAT Council approve the proposed 2016 lease rates for Resource Centre tenants, as presented in Section 4.0 of this report.
3. THAT information on the approved 2016 lease rates and the anticipated lease grants be distributed to Resource Centre tenants.
4. THAT Resource Centre tenants which meet the grant eligibility criteria established by Council be invited to make an application for 2016 lease grants

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:

THAT the recommendation of from the Director Planning and Building be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. 2015 FESTIVALS BURNABY GRANTS
EXPENDITURE TO DATE - \$10,500

7. NEW APPLICATIONS - FESTIVALS BURNABY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:

THAT the New Applications - Festivals Burnaby grants be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Small Scale Events

(a) #15-S-006 - Bula! Fiji Association of British Columbia
2015 Fiji Festival

An application was received from the Fiji Association of British Columbia for the 2015 Fiji Festival on 2015 July 18 at Swangard Stadium. The annual festival includes traditional Fijian ceremonies and entertainment, multi-ethnic cuisine and celebrates Fijian culture, heritage and lifestyle.

Request: \$7,500

CPA: 2014 - \$4,000 Small Scale Grant
2013 - \$4,000 Neighbourhood Grant
2012 - \$4,000 Small Scale Grant

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:

THAT a Festival grant in the amount of \$4,000 be awarded to Bula! Fiji Association of British Columbia.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Large Scale Events

(a) #15-L-002 Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre
Nikkei Place Matsuri Family Festival

An application was received from the Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre for the Nikkei Place Matsuri Family Festival on 2015 September 5 & 6 to be held at their facility at 6688 Southoaks Crescent in Burnaby. A traditional matsuri or festival combines artistic performance, festive foods and symbolic events. Now in its third year, the Nikkei Place Family Matsuri will blend traditional Japanese arts (taiko drumming, odori dancing, tea ceremony, materials arts) with pop-culture highlights (anime screenings, food trucks).

Request: \$24,911

CPA: 2014 - \$18,000 Large Scale Grant
2013 - \$4,000 Small Scale Grant
2012 - \$5,000 Small Scale Grant

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:

THAT a Festival grant in the amount of \$10,000 be awarded to Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. 2015 PROGRESSIVE LIST OF GRANTS
EXPENDITURE TO DATE - \$38,884

9. NEW APPLICATIONS – GENERAL GRANTS

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:

THAT the New Applications – General Grants be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(a) #15/19 - Volunteer Burnaby
12th Annual Festival of Volunteers

An application was received from Volunteer Burnaby requesting an in-kind grant to assist with the cost of printing posters and handbills for the annual Festival of Volunteers, to be held on Saturday, 2015 April 18 at Brentwood Town Centre.

Request: \$1,000 in-kind printing

CPA: 2014 - \$1,000 in-kind printing
2013 - \$1,000 in-kind printing
2012 - \$1,000 in-kind printing

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:

THAT an in-kind grant in the amount of \$1,000 in support of printing costs be awarded to Volunteer Burnaby 12th Annual Festival of Volunteers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) #15/20 - BC School for the Deaf
Alumni Association

An application was received from the BC School for the Deaf requesting a grant to assist with the cost of hosting the 15th Reunion Open House to be held at South Slope Elementary School / Burnaby South Secondary (BCSD) in Burnaby from June 30 – July 4. The Open House will have approximately 400 in attendance to celebrate this event.

Request: Unspecified

CPA: 2014 - No Application
2013 - No Application
2012 - No Application

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:

THAT this grant request be denied.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(c) #15/21 - Burnaby Neighbourhood House
Neighbourhood House Week

An application was received from Burnaby Neighbourhood House requesting a grant in support of Neighbourhood House Week from May 4 – 10. This celebration will include 13 other Neighbourhood Houses throughout the Lower Mainland promoting community engagement and providing a welcoming place for community members.

Request: \$1,500 In-Kind Printing

CPA: 2014 - \$5,000 Daycare start up
2013 - TABLED (Gilpin Daycare Site)
2012 – No Application

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:

THAT this grant request be denied.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(d) #15/22 - Nikkei Place Foundation
2015 Golf Tournament

An application was received from the Nikkei Place Foundation requesting a green fee waiver in support of seniors living at the Nikkei Home in Burnaby and their fight against dementia. This 10th Annual Golf Tournament will be held for the third time at the Riverway Golf Course on Friday 2015 May 29.

Request: Green Fee Waiver

CPA: 2014 - No Application
2013 - No Application
2012 - No Application

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:

THAT this grant request be denied.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(e) #15/23 - BC Sports Hall of Fame
Sponsorship for Christine Sinclair

An application was received from the BC Sports Hall of Fame requesting a grant for sponsorship of Christine Sinclair's induction into the BC Sports Hall of Fame as a member of the 2012 Olympic Women's Soccer Team. The Banquet of Champions will be held at the Vancouver Convention Centre on 2015 May 28.

Request: \$6,000

CPA: 2014 - No Application
2013 - No Application
2012 - No Application

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:

THAT this grant request be denied.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(f) #15/24 - Heights Garden Society
Maintenance

An application was received from Heights Garden Society requesting a grant in support of maintenance costs for utilities, fencing, composting and the installation of an irrigation system to assist with the beautification and community stewardship of the neighbourhood garden.

Request: Unspecified

CPA: 2014 - No Application
2013 - No Application
2012 - No Application

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:

THAT this grant request be denied.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. TABLED MATTER

- a) **Report from the City Clerk**
Re: Coquitlam Search and Rescue Society
Mobile Command Centre Replacement Project

**Executive Committee of Council Open Meeting
held on 2015 February 19**

- (a) **Report from the City Clerk
Re: Coquitlam Search and Rescue Society - Mobile Command Centre
Replacement Project**

The City Clerk submitted a report providing information on Coquitlam Search and Rescue Society, and seeking approval for financial support to replace the Mobile Command Centre.

The City Clerk recommended:

- 1. THAT the Executive Committee of Council recommend Council approve a grant to Coquitlam Search and Rescue Society for replacement of the Mobile Command Centre.**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:**

THAT the recommendation of the City Clerk be adopted.

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:**

THAT this report be now TABLED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The report was tabled in order for the Committee to receive information on other municipalities' contribution.

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:**

THAT this report be now LIFTED from the table.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Arising from discussion, Councillor P. McDonell was granted leave by the Committee to introduce the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:

1. THAT Council approve a conditional grant in the amount of \$10,000 to the Coquitlam Search and Rescue Society for purchase of a replacement for the Mobile Command Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. INQUIRIES

No inquiries were brought before the Committee at this time.

13. CLOSED

Meeting moved into a 'Closed' meeting from which the public was excluded.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:

THAT this meeting do now recess.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Committee meeting recessed at 6:40 p.m.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:

THAT the 'Open' meeting do now reconvene.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Committee meeting reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR D. JOHNSTON:

THAT the Executive Committee of Council Open meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

L. AXFORD
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

COUNCILLOR S. DHALIWAL
CHAIR