



Executive Committee of Council (Grants)

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To Members of the Executive Committee of Council;

The Stoney Creek Environment Committee is pleased to submit this grant application to the City of Burnaby's Executive Committee of Council in application for a City Grant under the Non-Profit Community Groups category.

We are seeking a grant of \$500.00 to pay for the costs of a Bee Pollinator Awareness Display at the upcoming Great Salmon Send-Off on May 13, 2017.

This grant application was prepared by students from Moscrop Secondary School in grades 11 and 12, who are active volunteers for the Stoney Creek Environment Committee.

Please find attached our proposal. We are happy to answer any questions you have.

If we are successful in our grant request, a cheque can be mailed to John Templeton, Chair of the Committee, at 2012 Meadowood Park, Burnaby, BC V5A 4G2.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brennan Strandberg-Salmon

Member

Submitted on behalf of the Stoney Creek Environment Committee

Cc: John Templeton, Chair, Stoney Creek Environment Committee

Bee Pollinator Awareness Project

Purpose of the Project

The purpose of the project is to educate the public regarding the issue of the lack of bee habitat and the important role bees play in our ecosystems and food systems. Three Moscrop grade 11 and 12 students are volunteering to prepare a display to raise awareness about this important issue at the upcoming Great Salmon Send-Off (GSSO), a popular event held yearly at the Stoney Creek Community School in the spring. The display will address both the problems and practical solutions for Burnaby citizens. For example, the project will show them how they can plant bee friendly gardens at their home.

Project Implementation

The project will be implemented by volunteers conducting research and preparing brochures, a display board and four potted plant displays. The display gardens will include bee friendly plants native to this region for inspiration and information. The volunteers will set up and staff the display booth during the GSSO and educate participants as they come by. The event runs from 10am - 2pm. The grant period will run from March to May 2017 when the supplies need to be bought. The grant funding will be used to purchase supplies for the display booth. See budget details below.

Benefits

There are many benefits to this project, including:

- 2,000 people of all ages attended the 2016 GSSO last year. Assuming similar attendance, many Burnaby residents will be exposed to this problem and what they can do about it.
- Burnaby residents that act on this issue will benefit the bees and our food system.
- The City of Burnaby's recently approved Environmental Sustainability Strategy has a goal to achieve healthy and resilient ecosystems. The strategy recognizes the importance of pollinators in this proposed initiative: "Create a pollinator meadow pilot project on public land to test approaches for broader enhancement of habitat for pollinators and associated species, and public benefits". This project supports the City's goals.

Stoney Creek Environment Committee

Background Information

Aims and Objectives of the Stoney Creek Environment Committee (SCEC)

The Stoney Creek Environment Committee is a registered non-profit society under BC Nature, dedicated to protecting, preserving and enhancing the natural habitat and wildlife of the Stoney Creek watershed.

The SCEC has been active since 1995, and for years was guided by the tireless efforts of Jennifer Atchison, whose energy and passion continue to inspire and drive the group's activities today.

Our projects and partnerships bring together a community of volunteers to:

- preserve Stoney Creek as a showcase of urban salmon-bearing streams,
- maintain the water and habitat quality for both the fish and wildlife of the area,
- raise public awareness of natural urban corridors and bring people and nature together,
- provide opportunities for environmental education in the outdoor classroom that is Stoney Creek,
- promote partnership between the various stakeholders who are active in the area.

Sample Achievements from 2016

- We participated in several community events: Environment Week, Great Salmon Send-Off and Rivers Day. These events enable us to meet and educate the public and get them involved in what we do.

- We continued to work with the City of Burnaby and saw them relocate the display sign booth from the GSSO bridge to near the Beaverbrook Drive bridge. At our request the City erected signage in sensitive areas to advise people to stay away from the habitat.

- Our 26th GSSO was attended by approximately 2,000 people; we had a very successful event, had more exhibitors participate and had great entertainment. This event is well recognized in the community and we hope to build and continue working with all our community partners and sponsors who make it possible.

- Education was a big part of our engagement - we were very happy to have students from Moscrop School participate in many of our activities and we continue to work with them. We also went to several elementary schools to talk about salmon and SCEC activities. These are our future stream keepers. SFU students have also participated in research projects in the watershed.

- Activity-wise, we completed a number of invertebrates and fish sampling surveys. We also held nine bird walks and twelve invasive plant/restorative plantings. Our volunteers removed 63 bags of invasive plants and planted 119 native plants.

- Our chum salmon returns were the best to date and we hope to see further improvements in habitat next year. Culverts in Burnaby and Coquitlam are part of the continuing rehabilitation plan.

- Our media exposure with both CBC and the Burnaby Now has enabled us to get the word out in the community regarding the successes that the SCEC team has achieved.

- We upgraded the SCEC brand with new hats, revised business cards, a new information brochure and signage for when we are doing volunteer projects.

SCEC Financial Statement

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Statement of Fund Balances

Nine months ending Dec 31, 2016

Funding Source	Balance April 1, 2016	Revenue	Expenditures	Balance Dec 31, 2016
Stoney Creek Environment Committee Funds	6,882.25	2,245.40	2,771.18	6,356.47
Great Salmon Send-off fund, 2016	3,267.46	2000	3010.35	2,257.11
Habitat Restoration fund	2,304.87	0.00	0.00	2,304.87
Jennifer Atchison Memorial Fund	780.65	0.00	0.00	780.65
	13,235.23	4,245.40	5,781.53	11,699.10

Project Budget

The following is the budget for the Bee Pollinator Awareness Project. The grant is to be used to cover these costs.

Item	Cost
Brochures	165.00
Helium Balloons	104.00
Tri-fold Display Board	15.00
4 Planters	100.00
Potting Soil	50.00
Plants (est.)	200.00
Total	634.00
Request to the City of Burnaby	500.00

The balance will come from other fund-raising sources.