

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

DATE: 2020 January 29

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE

FILE: 7400-00

SUBJECT: 2020 SENIORS LUNCH/DINNER GRANTS

PURPOSE: To seek Council authorization to award the 2020 lunch/dinner grants to Burnaby-based seniors groups.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Executive Committee of Council 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.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

In 2019 October, Council adopted the recommendation to authorize and administer the 2019 Christmas lunch/dinner grants in the amount of \$8.00 per person to Burnaby-based seniors groups. For 2020, staff are proposing an increase to this amount to \$10.00 per person.

Some organizations hold their seniors lunch/dinner at the beginning of the calendar year versus during the Christmas season. As a result, City staff have begun to receive lunch/dinner grant requests from Burnaby-based seniors groups. To facilitate efficient processing of applications and timely disbursement of funds, staff are seeking Council's annual authorization at the beginning of the year to review grant applications as they are received and to accommodate such requests as they come in throughout the year.

2.0 POLICY SECTION

Goal

- A Connected Community
 - Social connection –
Enhance social connections throughout Burnaby

- An Inclusive Community
 - Create a sense of community –
 Provide opportunities that encourage and welcome all community members and create a sense of belonging

3.0 BACKGROUND

Lunch/dinner grant applicants submit a written correspondence request, providing the date and location of the event, and the number of residents who will attend the event. This written correspondence is included in the Correspondence section of the Committee Meeting Agenda in order to keep the Committee informed of requests.

Throughout the fall, in previous years, the City received requests from Burnaby-based seniors groups for a grant in support of a Christmas lunch/dinner for their residents or clients. The table below summarizes the value of the grants awarded annually between 2016 and 2019.

2016 – 2019 Christmas Lunch/Dinner Grants				
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total of Awarded Grants	\$10,664	\$9,952	\$11,240	\$7,792

In 2019, seven groups applied for and were awarded a Christmas lunch/dinner grant. The table below provides an overview of the 2019 grant recipients, and the amounts awarded to each group. The list is not exhaustive as different groups may apply from year to year, or new groups may be established.

2019 Christmas Lunch/Dinner Grant Recipients		
Seniors Group	Number of Attendees	Grant Amount
Cameron Seniors Society	100	\$800
Chelsea Terrace	90	\$720
Citizen Support Services – Outings for Elderly	150	\$1,200
Community Centered College for the Retired	94	\$752
Confederation Seniors Society	200	\$1,600
Fair Haven Super Seniors	80	\$640
The New Vista Society	260	\$2,080
Total	974	\$7,792

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4.0 PROPOSED 2020 LUNCH/DINNER GRANTS

As per the Committee's request, City staff have researched that the last increase to this grant occurred in 2016 when the amount was increased from \$7.00 per person to \$8.00 per person. Further, through discussion with Food Services and Citizen Support Services, the City's lunch program at Confederation Community Centre ranges from \$8.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members.

Due to rising costs of food and transportation since 2016, and in order to provide an adequate increase which is in line with a current City program, a \$2.00 increase to the current amount of \$8.00 is recommended such that the new grant would be at \$10.00 per person. The cost increase to the City can be accommodated within the existing community grant budget.

Upon approval, staff will process 2020 requests and issue grants to Burnaby-based seniors groups organizing celebratory lunches or dinners for the 2020 calendar year with a limit of one grant per organization for the year.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

This report provides an overview of the celebratory lunch/dinner grants provided to Burnaby-based seniors groups, the process for requesting and approving the grants, and the proposal to increase the current grant amount. It is requested that the Executive Committee of Council recommend Council authorize staff to 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 their 2020 celebratory lunch or dinner grant.



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