



Aug 6, 2020

Office of the City Clerk
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC
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Re: Delegation Request - September 2020

Dear Executive Committee of Council,

Social Diversity for Children (SDC) is a registered Canadian charity that empowers youth to empower children with disabilities. Founded and operated largely by young people, SDC recognizes the importance of teaching the younger generation about inclusivity, acceptance, and compassion at an early age. Our mission is to provide social learning programs for children of all abilities to bond on an interpersonal level and equip youth leaders with skills to educate their own communities about diversity and inclusion.

In Canada, over 100,000 children with special needs between the ages of 5 to 14 are lacking the necessary development resources amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Social distancing and stay-home measures have made it increasingly difficult for youth with disabilities to engage in social interaction in order to learn and grow.

Here at SDC, we are actively running virtual programs to provide a safe environment for our participants to socialize and express themselves. Our team has worked tirelessly to run Building Bridges with Music (BBM), an online music program where children with special needs learn the joy of music while being taught by an experienced music teacher. SDC also hosts Melodies in Nature (MIN), a program that offers music classes to youth with disabilities at a local park in order for participants to gain social interaction.

Our work at SDC would not be possible without organizations like yours. As a youth-led charity, we rely on the generosity and support of local companies and organizations to ensure the permissibility of our programs and events. We wish to appear as a delegation before the Committee to present about the impact and importance of SDC's social learning programs in the local community, especially during the current health crisis.

The following speakers will represent SDC at the Committee meeting: David Wang (President) and David Chen (Executive Director). Our address is Suite 203 - 815 Hornby St., Vancouver, BC, V6Z 2E6. The speakers can be reached at davidchen@socialdiversity.org. Thank you for taking the time to review our request. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
SDC