

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL
FROM: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
SUBJECT: **WHEY-AH-WICHEN CANOE FESTIVAL**
PURPOSE: To request Council approval of a Community Program Grant for the Tsleil-Waututh Nation for the Whey-ah-Wichen Canoe Festival, June 28 - June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT a Community Program Grant in the amount of \$10,000 be awarded to Tsleil-Waututh Nation in support of the Whey-ah-Wichen Canoe Festival, to be held June 28 – June 30, 2024.

1.0 POLICY SECTION

The provision of community grants is aligned with the following Council-adopted policies, plans, and strategies: *Burnaby Economic Development Strategy* (2007); *Social Sustainability Strategy* (2011), and the *Corporate Strategic Plan* (2017) that identifies the importance of a sense of belonging, inclusion, and high quality of life.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The Executive Committee of Council, at its Open meeting held on June 5, 2024, received the attached item of correspondence from the Tsleil-Waututh Nation requesting support from the City of Burnaby for the Whey-ah-Wichen Canoe Festival scheduled to take place from June 28 – June 30 in North Vancouver. Due to the short timeline, the Committee accepted the letter in lieu of a formal grant application.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

The Whey-ah-Wichen Canoe Festival will take place at Cates Park in North Vancouver from June 28 - 30, 2024. The Tsleil-Waututh Nation is requesting a grant in support of the event. The Festival will welcome crews from several Indigenous communities across the southwest coast of BC and Washington.

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The City of Burnaby's support will be acknowledged across the Tsleil-Waututh social media channels, in press releases, signage at the event, and in the program.

5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Grants are funded through the Community Grants Program. Current budget allocations and balance remaining as of this report date are detailed below:

Community Grants 2024 Budget		Allocated (as of June 6, 2024)	Balance Remaining
Total	\$400,000	\$225, 747	\$164,253

On behalf of the Executive Committee of Council,

Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Chair

Councillor Pietro Calendino, Vice Chair

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Correspondence from Tsleil-Waututh Nation

REPORT CONTRIBUTORS

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