

TO: MAYOR & COUNCILLORS
FROM: DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
SUBJECT: **COMMUNITY SCHOOL GRANT FUNDING 2023/2024**
PURPOSE: To obtain Council approval to issue the 2023/24 Community School Grant payment

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the payment of the 2023-24 Community School Grant in the amount of \$573,417 as outlined in the report titled “Community School Grant Funding 2023/2024” be approved;

1.0 POLICY SECTION

The Community School Grant aligns with the City of Burnaby’s Social Sustainability Strategy and Burnaby Strategic Plan by supporting the following goals and sub-goals of the plan:

- The creation of a sense of belonging and neighborhoods;
- The creation of vibrant communities; and
- Building a city that is sustainable, inclusive and livable.

2.0 BACKGROUND

Burnaby is home to eight Community Schools that play a vital role in providing community members with access to school facilities throughout the day for programs, events, resources, and social connections. These schools serve as familiar community hubs, offering an additional layer of recreation, culture, and community services to residents.

In 1976, School District 41 and Burnaby passed a joint resolution outlining guiding principles for optimizing school facilities for community use and since then it has been a long-standing practice for the City to partially fund the operating cost of community schools. Although no formal agreement is in place, the School District invoices the City annually for the costs associated with providing services at the Community Schools. The City's annual funding share represents 40.98% of the anticipated operating costs for the upcoming school fiscal year. For the 2023/2024 school year, the School District has requested \$573,417 from the City, reflecting an increase compared to the previous year due to wage and benefits adjustments.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

On June 19, 2023, Council received an information report from the General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture, regarding the Community School Grant Funding 2023/2024 and Master Joint Use Agreement Renewal, see Attachment 1. Formal Council approval is required to issue the grant payment for the 2023/24 program in the amount of \$573,417.

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not applicable.

5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Sufficient funding for the 2023/24 Community School Grant has been included in the City's 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Kassam, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Community School Grant Funding 2023/2024 and Master Join Use Agreement Renewal

REPORT CONTRIBUTORS

This report was prepared by Bob Klimek, Deputy General Manager Finance, and reviewed by Carmen Gonzalez, Deputy General Managers Parks.