

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

TO: *MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: HOPE AND HEALTH 4TH ANNUAL SANTA ON THE PITCH -
CONTRIBUTION REQUEST**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a grant contribution of \$500 be approved for distribution to the Hope and Health for Life Society in support of their annual “Santa on the Pitch” event, as outlined in the report “Hope and Health 4th Annual Santa on the Pitch - Contribution Request” of the Open Executive Committee of Council meeting, dated December 4, 2024; and

THAT similar contributions for future fiscal years be included in the City’s annual budget process for Indigenous Relations.

REPORT

The Executive Committee of Council, at its meeting held on December 4, 2024, received and adopted the *attached* report seeking Council approval to provide a grant of \$500 to Hope and Health for Life Society to support their 4th annual “Santa on the Pitch” event.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of
Council,

Councillor Sav Dhaliwal
Chair

Councillor P. Calendino
Vice Chair

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL (ECC)
FROM: DIRECTOR INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION
SUBJECT: HOPE AND HEALTH 4TH ANNUAL “SANTA ON THE PITCH” – CONTRIBUTION REQUEST
PURPOSE: To seek Committee and Council approval to provide a grant for \$500 to Hope and Health for Life Society to support their 4th annual “Santa on the Pitch” event.

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1.0 POLICY SECTION

A City of Burnaby (City) financial contribution to the Hope and Health 4th Annual “Santa on the Pitch” event is supported by City plans and policies that work towards building and maintaining relationships and advancing reconciliation with host Nations and Indigenous Peoples, including:

- Equity Policy (1994, Updated 2020)
 - For example: *The City has a duty to its citizens to set a positive example and foster a climate of understanding and mutual respect.*
- Social Sustainability Strategy (2011)
 - For example: *Work with others to establish more youth-friendly events – such as festivals, dances, swims, movie nights and outings – programs, including after-school and drop-in programs, and spaces throughout the city.*
- Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Strategy Framework (2024)
 - For example: *To come to terms with events of the past and to proactively develop respectful and mutually beneficial relationships based on truth, justice, and reconciliation between Indigenous Peoples and non-Indigenous Peoples that will support a prosperous and just future for all.*

This work is also in alignment with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action (TRC), the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA)

2.0 BACKGROUND

Hope and Health for Life Society (Hope and Health) is a non-profit organization that maximizes the power of sport to engage, educate and empower Indigenous children and youth to improve long term health and life outcomes. They do this work through community-driven partnerships and initiatives, including community camps for Indigenous and non-Indigenous children and youth. Hope and Health is deeply committed to reconciliACTION and in co-creating new pathways based on mutual respect and understanding, in the spirit of “Nautsa’maat” moving together as one mind, one heart. The City has partnered with Hope and Health for the past 3 years to engage children and youth in Burnaby to promote reconciliACTION through the annual City of Burnaby Hope and Health Community Camp.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

Hope and Health is a registered charity that offers soccer and other sports programs and initiatives for children and youth in British Columbia, primarily focusing on Indigenous children and youth.

Through the Hope and Health Santa on the Pitch event organizers collect financial and in-kind donations of essential items, educational toys, books, and treats to build 600 stockings to be distributed to Indigenous children and youth.

With regards to its efforts to implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions Calls to action and to engage children and youth in the community in reconciliation, the City has established a working relationship with Hope and Health. To continue the ongoing relationship with Hope and Health and to advance reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, the City could make a grant contribution to this event.

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not applicable.

5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

That the Committee recommend Council approve the grant contribution of \$500 to Hope and Health to support their 4th annual Santa on the Pitch event. The contribution will be drawn from the ECC grants budget that has been provisioned through the 2024 Annual Budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Mikelle Sasakamoose, Director Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Letter from Hope and Health Re: Contribution Request for Hope and Health’s 4th Annual “Santa on the Pitch.”