

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SCHOOL GRANT FUNDING 2024/2025

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the payment of the 2024-2025 Community School Grant in the amount of \$590,620, as outlined in the report titled “Community School Grant Funding 2024/2025”, dated June 2, 2025, of the Executive Committee of Council meeting, be approved.

REPORT

The Executive Committee of Council, at its meeting held on June 2, 2025, received and adopted the attached report seeking Council approval to issue the 2024/2025 Community School Grant payment.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of
Council,

Councillor S. Dhaliwal
Chair

Councillor P. Calendino
Vice Chair

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL (ECC)
FROM: DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
SUBJECT: **COMMUNITY SCHOOL GRANT FUNDING 2024/2025**
PURPOSE: To obtain Council approval to issue the 2024/25 Community School Grant payment.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the payment of the 2024-25 Community School Grant in the amount of \$590,620 as outlined in the report titled "Community School Grant Funding 2024/2025" be approved.

1.0 POLICY SECTION

The Community School Grant aligns with the City of Burnaby's Social Sustainability Strategy, the Benefits Based Approach (2024) 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 38.7% of the anticipated operating costs for the upcoming school fiscal year. For the 2024/2025 school year, the School District has requested \$590,620 from the City, reflecting an increase compared to the previous year due to wage and benefits adjustments. Attachment 1 Community School Operating Budget, outlines the proposed program costs for the 2024/2025 school year.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

Parks Recreation and Culture (PRC) staff continue to engage with the School District to review and revise the Master Joint Use Agreement Renewal, considering current needs, emerging priorities and best practices. Once the updates to the agreement have been completed, PRC staff will bring forward the agreement for Council consideration.

Council approval is required to issue the grant payment for the 2024/25 program in the amount of \$590,620.

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not Applicable.

5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Sufficient funding for the 2024/25 Community School Grant has been included in the City's 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Kassam, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – 2024/2025 Community School Operating Budget Information

REPORT CONTRIBUTORS

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