

**MINUTES OF THE  
FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE STANDING COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE ROOM #2  
SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020 AT 2:00 PM**

Present: Chair: Councillor Susan Brice  
Members: Mayor Haynes, Councillors Harper and Mersereau (2:15)  
Staff Members: Paul Thorkelsson, Chief Administrative Officer; Paul Arslan, Senior  
Manager; Jennifer Downie, Administrative Assistant.  
  
Public: One member of the Public

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**MINUTES FOR ADOPTION**

**MOVED by Councillor Harper and seconded by Mayor Haynes: "That the minutes of the Finance and Governance Standing Committee meeting of January 20, 2020 be adopted as circulated."**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO WAIVE MEETING NOTICE**

Councillor Brice asked for a motion to waive the meeting notice requirement given the time has changed.

**MOVED by Councillor Harper and seconded by Mayor Haynes: "That the Finance and Governance Standing Committee waive the meeting notice requirement as the time has changed."**

**CARRIED**

**2020 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES GRANT APPLICATIONS AND 2020 COMMUNITY BUILDING GRANT APPLICATIONS**

- Reports of the Director of Finance dated February 27, 2020 (attached).

The total amount of grant funding last year was \$202,081. The committee discussed not exceeding this limit for 2020. The total of 2020 Strategic Priorities Grant Applications and 2020 Community Building Grant Applications should not exceed \$202,081; the amount given out last year.

Friends of Victoria Basketball will be discussed as a separate item as this item was forwarded to the Committee via Council motion. In response to committee members, the Chief Administrative Officer advised that Friends of Victoria Basketball would need to be a separate item as they did not meet the grant application deadline and it was a Council motion that this Committee review the request.

**Moved by Councillor Harper and seconded by Mayor Haynes: "That the Finance and Governance Standing Committee not exceed \$202,081 in the grants review process and that Friends of Victoria Basketball not be included as part of the grants review process."**

**CARRIED**

Consensus was to review all the grant applications with a formal motion being made at the end of the review.

Individual motions will not be made after review of each item. The Senior Manager of Finance will keep a running tally with the Committee doing a final review at the end, at which time a formal motion with a recommendation to Council will be made.

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 Chief Administrative Officer left the meeting at 2:45 PM  
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**Items to Note:**

**Saanich Neighbourhood Place**

Councillor Mersereau put forward an action item for staff; would like explore whether Parks and Recreation staff can play a role in helping Saanich Neighbourhood Place promote their services.

Councillor Brice suggested that the issue of cross promotion with Parks and Recreation be raised with staff.

**Victoria Native Friendship Centre Bruce Parisian Library**

The Committee proposed providing a grant in the amount of \$3000; and identified that the grant be allocated to fulfill books acquisition for children, youth and young adults (\$2,000) and Elders Honoraria (\$500) as outlined in the "Project Budget Statement Form." The remaining \$500 to be assigned where necessary.

**Gorge Tillicum Community Association**

The Committee proposed providing a grant in the amount of \$7,000. Grant is subject to event moving ahead.

**The Greater Victoria Bike to Work Society**

The Committee proposed providing a grant in the amount of \$4,500. Grant is subject to event moving ahead.

After review and discussion on each application the Committee identified the following for funding:

<b>Strategic Priorities Grant</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
676 Kittyhawk Sponsoring Committee Society (on behalf of 676 Kittyhawk Air Cadet Squadron)	\$1,000	\$0
Capital Region Food and Agriculture Initiatives Roundtable	\$15,000	\$10,000
Cedar Hill Golf Club, Ladies Division	\$5,000	\$5,000
Community Social Planning Council of Greater Victoria	\$50,000	\$10,000
Connections Place Society	\$12,000	\$0
Creatively United for the Planet Society	\$27,000	\$1,650
Crisis Intervention & Public Info Society of GV- Need 2 Suicide Prevention	\$15,000	\$5,000
Friends of Mount Douglas Park Society	\$1,100	\$1,100

Friends of Victoria Basketball	\$75,000	
Greater Victoria Sports Tourism Commission	\$2,500	\$2,500
Greater Victoria Visitors & Convention Bureau (Destination Greater Victoria)	\$18,000	\$18,000
Greater Victoria Volunteer Society (Volunteer Victoria)	\$10,000	\$10,000
Habitat Acquisition Trust	\$5,150	\$3,000
Human-Nature Counselling Society	\$8,500	\$0
Junior Achievement B.C. (JABC)	\$10,000	\$0
KidSport Greater Victoria	\$10,000	\$0
Lake Hill Lawn Bowling Club	\$5,750	\$0
Leadership Victoria Society	\$9,000	\$0
LifeCycles Project Society	\$17,000	\$15,000
Maritime Museum of British Columbia	\$10,000	\$0
Peninsula Streams Society	\$20,000	\$15,000
The Rithet's Bog Conservation Society	\$1,100	\$1,100
Saanich Marine Rescue Society	\$10,000	\$10,000
Saanich Neighbourhood Place (\$9,100 in Kind)	\$40,000	\$15,000
Shelbourne Community Kitchen Society	\$15,000	\$10,000
Think Local First	\$22,800	\$0
Vancouver Island South Film & Media Commission	\$60,000	\$25,000
Victoria Brain Injury Society	\$3,000	\$0
Victoria Sexual Assault Centre	\$35,000	\$25,000
Victoria Women's Transition House Society	\$3,000	\$0
	<b>\$516,900</b>	<b>\$182,350</b>
<b>Community Well-being and Place-making</b>		
The Greater Victoria Placemaking Network	\$2,574	\$0
Victoria Native Friendship Centre Bruce Parisian Library	\$7,500	\$3,000
	<b>\$10,074</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Community Events</b>		
Friends of Bowker Creek Society	\$1,500	\$1,500
Gorge Tillicum Community Association	\$7,000	\$7,000
The Greater Victoria Bike to Work Society	\$6,000	\$4,500
Haliburton Community Organic Farm Society	\$7,500	\$0
Victoria and Vancouver Island Greek Community Society	\$7,500	\$2,000
Victoria's Canada Day	\$5,000	\$1,000
Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society (VNCS)	\$500	\$500
	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>\$16,500</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$561,974</b>	<b>\$201,850</b>

Following the review of the grant applications the following motion was made:

**Moved by Councillor Harper and seconded by Councillor Mersereau: “That the Finance and Governance Standing Committee advance their recommendations for grant funding totaling \$201,850 to Council.”**

**CARRIED**

### **FRIENDS OF VICTORIA BASKETBALL – REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

Motion from the Monday, March 9, 2020 Council meeting:

**MOVED by Councillor Plant and Seconded by Councillor Chambers: “That the We the West Basketball festival be forwarded to the Mayors Standing Committee on Finance & Governance meeting of March 17, 2020 and that the timeline for the grant application be waived.”**

The Committee reviewed the request from *Friends of Victoria Basketball*.

**Moved by Councillor Mersereau and seconded by Mayor Haynes: “That the Finance and Governance Standing Committee recommend that Council grant a maximum of \$45,000 to the Friends of Victoria Basketball from uncommitted 2019 funds including Council’s Strategic Initiatives fund and subject to the event proceeding.”**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Mayor Haynes and seconded by Councillor Harper: “That the Finance and Governance Standing Committee advance these recommendations before council for consideration prior to the adoption of these minutes.**

**CARRIED**

Copies of the binder containing all grant requests and supporting materials are available for any member of Council to review in the Councillors’ office.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion from Councillor Brice the meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.

  
Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

  
Committee Secretary