

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE STANDING COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE ROOM 2
SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE
Monday, March 13, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.**

Present: Chair: Councillor Susan Brice
Members: Councillors Chambers, Harper, Phelps Bondaroff
Additional: Mayor Dean Murdock (1:40 p.m.)
Staff Members: Paul Arslan (Director of Finance), Jennifer Lockhart (Sr Manager,
Financial Services), Tara Judge (Committee Secretary)

Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m. Cllr Brice welcomes members and read territorial acknowledgement.

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

MOVED by Councillor Harper and seconded by Chambers: “That the minutes of the Finance and Governance Standing Committee meeting of July 18, 2022, be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

2023 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES GRANTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING GRANTS

A report from the Director of Finance dated March 2, 2023, was presented.

Cllr Brice detailed the typical process of reviewing grant applications, allocating dollar amounts and providing a recommendation to Council as to which applications to fund. The goal for grant funding is to recommend dollars that meet our strategic objectives and within available budget.

Requests for funding in 2023 amounts to \$433,498; the budget available for both the Strategic Priorities and Community Building Grants for 2023 is \$211,180. The total amount of grant funding last year (2022) was \$202,370.

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, Finance Services 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.

Note that the Finance Department will be reviewing the application process to advance technology and have the application form fields automatically expand due to small font size, place character limits and better details need for attachments further detailing information.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES GRANT	Amount Requested This Year	Amount Recommended for Approval
676 Kittyhawk Sponsoring Committee Society (on behalf of 676 Kittyhawk Air Cadet Squadron)	\$2,000	\$0
Action Committee of People with Disabilities	\$10,000	\$0
Capital Bike	\$7,375	\$2,000
Capital Region Food and Agriculture Initiatives Roundtable	\$15,000	\$15,000
Community Social Planning Council of Greater Victoria	\$20,000	\$12,490
Creatively United for the Planet Society	\$3,000	\$2,800
Crisis Intervention & Public Info Society of GV- Need 2 Suicide Prevention	\$10,000	\$5,000
Greater Victoria Acting Together	\$6,000	\$0
Greater Victoria Sports Tourism Commission	\$2,500	\$2,500
Greater Victoria Visitors & Convention Bureau (Destination Greater Victoria)	\$15,000	\$15,000
Greater Victoria Volunteer Society (Volunteer Victoria)	\$10,000	\$10,000
LifeCycles Project Society	\$25,000	\$18,000
Ocean Ambassadors Canada	\$2,983	\$0
Peninsula Streams Society	\$25,000	\$25,000
PKOLS - Mount Douglas Conservancy	\$5,290	\$5,290
Saanich Marine Rescue Society	\$11,000	\$5,000
Saanich Neighbourhood Place	\$60,000	\$25,000
Shelbourne Community Kitchen Society	\$15,000	\$15,000
The Humanity in Motion Society (dba SOWCOOL.org)	\$27,500	\$0
The Rithet's Bog Conservation Society	\$1,100	\$1,100
United Way Southern Vancouver Island	\$30,000	\$0
Vancouver Island Men's Therapy Centre Society (Men's Therapy Centre-MTC)	\$14,250	\$0
Vancouver Island South Film & Media Commission	\$60,000	\$35,000
Victoria Brain Injury Society	\$3,000	\$0
Victoria Sexual Assault Centre	\$5,000	\$0
Subtotal: Strategic priorities grant	\$385,998	\$194,180

COMMUNITY WELL-BEING AND PLACE-MAKING	Amount Requested This Year	Amount Recommended for Approval
Green Teams of Canada (for Greater Victoria Green Team Program)	\$6,000	\$0
Subtotal: Community well-being and place-making	\$6,000	\$0

COMMUNITY EVENTS	Amount Requested This Year	Amount Recommended for Approval
African Heritage Association of Vancouver Island (AHAVI)	\$7,500	\$0
Friends of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory	\$10,000	\$0
Gorge Tillicum Community Association	\$8,000	\$8,000
Capital Bike (The Greater Victoria Bike to Work Society)	\$7,000	\$6,000
Victoria and Vancouver Island Greek Community Society	\$5,000	\$3,000
Royal Oak Business Improvement Association	\$4,000	\$0
Subtotal: Community events	\$41,500	\$17,000

Totals	\$433,498	\$211,180
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Budget Available	\$211,180	\$211,180
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Funds Still Available		\$0
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Following the review of the grant applications the following motion was made:

MOVED by Councillor Chambers and seconded by Councillor Harper: “That the Finance and Governance Standing Committee advance their recommendations for grant funding totaling \$211,180 to Council.”

CARRIED

GOWARD HOUSE SOCIETY FUNDING REQUEST

The Director of Finance presented the Goward House Society Funding Request report dated March 2, 2023.

The report outlined the increased cost were due to the impact of COVID-19. That funding be provided as a one time funding from the COVID-19 Restart Grant.

MOVED by Councillor Harper and seconded by Councillor Chambers: “That the Finance and Governance Standing Committee recommends a one time funding of \$10,000 to the Goward House Society from the COVID-19 Restart Grant.”

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL FUNDING REQUEST FOR HOUSING SECURITY AND RENT BANK PROGRAMS

The Director of Finance presented the Community Social Planning Council Funding Request report dated March 2, 2023. The request is not consistent with any of the strategic actions with the Housing Strategy. An item that the Housing Committee may be able to discuss and advocate with other government agencies.

**MOVED by Councillor Phelps Bondaroff and seconded by Councillor Harper:
“That the Finance and Governance Standing Committee recommend to Council
ask that this item be referred to the Housing Committee.”**

CARRIED

SCHEDULING SUBSEQUENT COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2023

Staff to provide date for next meeting. Due to Leave of Absence from Councillor Phelps Bondaroff, will June. Chair Councillor Brice and Director of Finance Arslan will discuss future meeting dates.

On the motion from Councillor Brice the meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary