

DISTRICT OF SAANICH
 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
 FINANCIAL PLAN
 HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015 AT 7:30 P.M.

Present: **Chair:** Mayor Atwell
Council: Councillors Brownoff, Derman, Haynes, Murdock, Sanders, and Wergeland
Staff: Andy Laidlaw, Chief Administrative Officer; Valla Tinney, Director of Finance; Paul Arslan, Senior Manager, Financial Services; Andrea Park, Senior Committee Clerk; and Debra Hopkins, Senior Committee Clerk

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 2015 Budget

PUBLIC INPUT

T. Barrie, Lily Road, Director with North Quadra Residents' Association (NQRA), stated:

- The Association supports the Peninsula Stream Society's grant application.
- The District of Central Saanich, North Saanich, and the Town of Sidney have already indicated their support for the organization.

H. Charania, Genevieve Road, stated:

- He expressed support for the grant applications from the Saanich Volunteer Services Society and the Shelbourne Community Kitchen Society.

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 Community and
 Social Service
 Grants

2015 GRANT REQUESTS

COMMUNITY OR SOCIAL SERVICE OPERATING GRANT PRESENTATIONS

Report of the Director of Finance dated March 10, 2015 summarizing the 2015 Community or Social Service Operating Grant applications.

The following organizations submitted applications for assistance. Representatives of the majority of organizations were in attendance.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Grant Request</u>
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Victoria Capital Region	\$3,000
Bipolar Disorder of BC	10,000
Cedar Hill Golf Club Ladies' Division	5,000
City of Victoria – Canada Day	1,000
Community Social Planning Council of Greater Victoria	20,900
Crisis Intervention & Public Information Society of GV (NEED2)	15,000
Dee's Orphan Kitten Fund	3,000
Gorge Tillicum Community Association	7,000
Goward House Society	30,000
Greater Victoria Development Agency	45,000
Greater Victoria Bike to Work Society	4,500
Greater Victoria Visitor & Convention Bureau	36,000
Greater Victoria Volunteer Society	12,041
Haliburton Community Organic Farm Society	4,999
Help Fill A Dream Foundation of Canada	2,000
Horticulture Centre of the Pacific	145,000
InspireHealth Society	20,000

Maritime Museum of BC Society	20,000

Councillor Haynes declared, pursuant to Section 85 of the Council Procedure Bylaw, that he is not entitled to participate in the discussion of the Community Grant applications for the Peninsula Streams Society and the Prospect Lake & Tod Creek Water Users Community as he is a member of the organizations. Councillor Haynes then left the meeting at 8:49 p.m.	

Peninsula Streams Society	20,000
Prospect Lake & Tod Creek Water Users Community	3,500

Councillor Haynes returned to the meeting at 9:00 p.m.	

Saanich Heritage Foundation	42,000
Saanich Marine Rescue Society	5,000
Saanich Volunteer Services Society	58,368

Councillor Sanders declared, pursuant to Section 85 of the Council Procedure Bylaw, that she is not entitled to participate in the discussion of the Community Grant application for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen Society as she is a director of the organization. Councillor Sanders then left the meeting at 9:11 p.m.	

Shelbourne Community Kitchen Society	5,000

Councillor Sanders returned to the meeting at 9:16 p.m.	

Silver Threads Service for Seniors	59,225
SportHost Victoria	2,500
St. John Ambulance	4,000
Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary Society	15,000
Vancouver Island South Film and Media Commission	45,000
Victoria Advance Technology Council	5,000
Victoria & VI Greek Community Society	5,000
Total	\$654,033

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Neighbourhood
Matched Project
Grants

NEIGHBOURHOOD MATCHED PROJECT GRANT PRESENTATIONS

Report from the Director of Finance dated March 10, 2015 summarizing the 2015 Neighbourhood Matched Project Grant applications.

The following organizations submitted grant applications. Representatives of the Broadmead Area Residents' Association and the Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs were in attendance.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Grant Request</u>
Broadmead Area Residents' Association	\$ 3,000
Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs	1,000

Prospect Lake & District Community Association	3,000
Residents Association of Strawberry Vale, Marigold & Glanford Community Association	2,600
Total	\$ 9,600

5660-25
Community
Sustainability
Grants

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY GRANT PRESENTATIONS

Report from the Director of Finance dated March 10, 2015 summarizing the 2015 Community Sustainability Grant applications.

The following organizations submitted grant applications. Representatives of several organizations were in attendance.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Grant Request</u>
Capital Region Food and Agriculture Initiatives Roundtable	Savour Saanich Sustainability	\$ 7,000
Community Social Planning Council	Saanich Senior's Co-housing Pilot Project	10,000
Evergreen	Uncover Your Creeks	8,500
Fish Eye Project Society	Fisheye Project Live Dives	3,900
Friends Uniting for Nature Society (FUN Society)	FUN Camps	10,000
Gorge-Tillicum Community Association/Gorge Community Gardens	Gorge-Tillicum Community Gardens	4,999
Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition	TransForm Speaker Series	4,000
LifeCycles Project Society	Home is Where We Live	10,000
Synergy Sustainability Institute	Sustainable Business Workshops	8,000
Victoria Rowing Society	Recycling Stations at Elk Lake Boathouse	3,700
World Fisheries Trust	Interactive Watershed Education	9,500
Total		\$ 79,599

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Community
Grants

COMMUNITY GRANTS COUNCIL POLICY – REQUESTED AMENDMENT

Report from the Director of Finance dated March 10, 2015 regarding the insurance grant funding levels.

In response to questions from Council, the Director of Finance stated:

- The report is based on a request from the Saanich Community Association Network (SCAN) chair and the president of the Quadra/Cedar Hill Community Association regarding the possibility of additional costs for director’s insurance liability.
- There is a concern that proposed amendments to the Societies Act may open community associations to claims.
- Saanich legal counsel cannot provide legal advice to community associations.

Councillor Derman stated:

- There may be new vulnerabilities under the new legislation.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- The legislation has not yet passed and he is unable to support any policy change at this time.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- More information is required to see if this coverage is needed; there is no need to delay consideration of the community association operating grants.

MOVED by Councillor Murdock and Seconded by Councillor Derman: “That the Director of Finance be requested to report further after obtaining legal advice on the proposed amendments to the Societies Act in relation to liability insurance coverage for Community Associations.”

CARRIED

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Community
Association
Operating Grants

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OPERATING GRANTS

Report of the Director of Finance dated March 10, 2015 recommending that Council consider recommending approval of the 2015 Community Association Grants.

MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff: “That it be recommended that Council approve the following 2015 Community Association Operating Grants as outlined in the report from the Director of Finance dated March 10, 2015.

Organization	Grant	Insurance
Blenkinsop Valley Community Association	1,100	500
Broadmead Area Residents’ Association	1,000	500
Cadboro Bay Residents Association	1,100	500
Camosun Community Association
Cordova Bay Association	1,100	500
Falaise Community Association	1,100	500
Friends of Mount Douglas Park Society	1,100	500

Gordon Head Residents' Association	1,650	500
Gorge Tillicum Community Association	1,650	500
Mount Tolmie Community Association	1,100	500
Mount View Colquitz Community Association	1,100	500
North Quadra Land Use Protection Assoc.	1,100	500
P.I.S.C.E.S	1,100
Prospect Lake and District Community Assoc.	1,100	500
Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association	1,650	500
Residents of Strawberry Vale, Marigold & Glanford Community Association	1,650	500
Rithet's Bog Conservation Society	1,100
Royal Oak Community Association	1,100	500
Total	\$ 20,800	\$7,500" CARRIED

Council briefly discussed how to develop a better understanding of the proposed functions of community associations and agreed that the role of community associations and their funding could be looked at during the future governance review.

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Dry Grad Grants

2015 HIGH SCHOOL DRY GRAD GRANT REQUESTS

Report from the Director of Finance dated March 10, 2015 recommending Council consider approval of the grant applications from the Dry Grad Committees of Claremont Secondary School and St. Andrews Regional High School, up to the amount of \$1,880.

MOVED by Councillor Brownoff and Seconded by Councillor Derman: "That it be recommended that Council approve the 2015 Dry Grad applications from the Claremont All Night Dry Grad Committee and from the St. Andrews Regional High School After-Grad Committee, up to an amount of \$1,880, as outlined in the report from the Director of Finance, dated March 10, 2015."

CARRIED

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2015 Budget

2015 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS - POLICE DEPARTMENT

Report from the Saanich Police Board dated March 13, 2015 outlining five possible budget reduction scenarios for the 2015 Police Department Budget.

The Chief Constable attended to respond to questions from Council.

In response to discussion by Council, the CAO stated that direction from Council on a process for reviewing the 2016 draft Police Department budget would be helpful. The Chief Constable was thanked for working through the issues and providing a comprehensive report.

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2015 Budget

INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT FUND TARGETS

Report from the Director of Finance dated March 12, 2015 providing information on the status of the infrastructure replacement fund.

Councillor Wergeland stated:

- The 0.75% rate was set as a reasonable increase to cover shortfalls for infrastructure replacement and should not be reduced simply to lower the overall tax increase.

Councillor Derman stated:

- This property tax lift program was established for a specific goal; the goal was to get to a point where the backlog of infrastructure project costs stopped growing; this has been achieved.
- An increase of 0.5% will continue to support the program goals.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- A 0.5% tax lift for the next several years will meet the program goals; once that program is completed, perhaps another will be put in place.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- He is comfortable reducing the tax lift to 0.5% as it will still achieve the targets of the program; Gas tax and Fortis funding have provided a level of comfort not previously available.

MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff: "That it be recommended to Council that the annual taxation increase for sustainable infrastructure replacement funding be reduced from 0.75% of current year taxation to 0.5% as outlined in the report from the Director of Finance dated March 12, 2015."

CARRIED

Mayor Atwell and Councillor Wergeland OPPOSED

Motion:

Adjournment

On a motion from Councillor Derman, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 p.m.

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CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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MUNICIPAL CLERK