



# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

## MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020

**PRESENT:** VOTING  
Councillor Gares, Chair  
Councillor Mund  
Mayor Cumming

**STAFF:** Debra Law, Director, Financial Services  
Terry Martens, Manager, Financial Operations  
Janice Nicol, Legislative Committee Clerk

**ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA** Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund;

THAT the agenda for the Thursday, May 28, 2020 meeting of the Finance Committee be amended to add:

**Item 4 b) Amendments to Council Discretionary Grant Policy;**

AND FURTHER, that the agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED.**

**ADOPTION OF  
MINUTES** Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming;

THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held November 28, 2019 be adopted.

**CARRIED.**

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**CLARIFICATION OF  
GRANT POLICY** An email was received from an applicant requesting clarification on how the Council Discretionary Policy was interpreted. Their organization had applied in April and was unsuccessful, they had then applied again in October of the same year and were told by the Finance Committee that they were ineligible. The applicant stated

'in past years, we had always been encouraged to apply in October if we had unsuccessfully applied in April...'

The Finance Committee clarified that, as per the Council Discretionary Grant Policy Item 1.2 (d), 'The organization may only submit one application per calendar year'.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COUNCIL  
DISCRETIONARY  
GRANT  
APPLICATIONS –  
APRIL 30 INTAKE**

It was noted that Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre has returned their Discretionary Grant of \$10,000, received at the December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Council Meeting, as their event has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**ABBNEYFIELD HOUSE  
OF VERNON**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to Abbeyfield House of Vernon Society in the amount of \$7,300 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**ARCHWAY SOCIETY  
FOR DOMESTIC  
PEACE**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to Archway Society for Domestic Peace in the amount of \$10,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement

**CARRIED.**

**COMMUNITY  
RECREATIONAL  
INITIATIVES SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to the Community Recreational Initiatives Society in the amount of \$20,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**FASD OKANAGAN  
VALLEY  
ASSESSMENT &  
SUPPORT**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to FASD Okanagan Valley Assessment & Support in the amount of \$14,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**FOOD ACTION  
SOCIETY OF NORTH  
OKANAGAN**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to the Food Action Society of the North Okanagan in the amount of \$24,000 as their application is incomplete.

**CARRIED.**

**HELPING OUT  
PEOPLE EXPLOITED**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to Helping Out People Exploited in the amount of \$5,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**HELPING THE  
HOMELESS  
FOUNDATION**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to Helping the Homeless Foundation in the amount of \$87,630 as their application is incomplete and they are not a registered society.

**CARRIED.**

**LEGACY  
APARTMENTS  
SENIOR COMPLEX**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to Legacy Apartments Seniors complex, of no specified amount, as their application is incomplete.

**CARRIED.**

**MADD CENTRAL  
OKANAGAN**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to MADD Central Okanagan in the amount of \$1,500 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**NEXUSBC  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE CENTRE**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to NexusBC Community Resource Centre in the amount of \$15,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**NORTH OKANAGAN  
CYCLING SOCIETY**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve**, on a one time basis, a Council Discretionary Grant to the North Okanagan Cycling Society in the amount of \$5,000 to assist with funding the completion of a mountain bike trail in Kalamalka Provincial Park.

**CARRIED.**

**NORTH OKANAGAN  
OPTIMIST CLUB**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve**, on a one time basis, a Council Discretionary Grant to the North Okanagan Optimist Club in the amount of \$3,300 to assist with the purchase and construction of two playground boxes within City of Vernon boundaries.

**CARRIED.**

**NORTH VALLEY  
GYMNASTICS**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve**, on a one time basis, a Council Discretionary Grant to North Valley Gymnastics in the amount of \$4,000 to assist in purchasing new gym equipment.

**CARRIED.**

**POWERHOUSE  
THEATRICAL  
SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve**, on a one time basis, a Council Discretionary Grant to Powerhouse Theatrical Society in the amount of \$5,000 to assist with production expenses to host free special performances to local schools.

**CARRIED.**

**SCHUBERT CENTRE  
SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to the Schubert Centre Society in the amount of \$10,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**SILVER STAR  
FREESTYLE CLUB**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to the Silver Star Freestyle Club in the amount of \$7,500 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**VERNON & DISTRICT  
FAMILY HISTORY  
SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to the Vernon & District Family History Society in the amount of \$5,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**VERNON ELKS  
LODGE**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to the Vernon Elks Lodge in the amount of \$10,000 as the city has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**VERNON FOLK-ROOTS MUSIC SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to the Vernon Folk-Roots Music Society in the amount of \$7,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement

**CARRIED.**

**VERNON GIRLS TRUMPET BAND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve**, on a one time basis, a Council Discretionary Grant to the Vernon Girls Trumpet Band Alumni Association in the amount of \$6,375 of the \$11,000 requested, to purchase jackets and hats;

AND FURTHER, that it be noted that this approval was granted as this is a newly formed society and that future Discretionary Grant applications must include the registered society number and complete financial information.

**CARRIED.**

**VERNON ROWING AND DRAGON BOAT CLUB**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve**, on a one time basis, a Council Discretionary Grant to the Vernon Rowing and Dragon Boat Club in the amount of \$1,000 to assist with expanding the current dock.

**CARRIED.**

**VERNON SKI CLUB**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to the Vernon Ski Club in the amount of \$5,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY POLICY**

The Finance Committee discussed amendments to the Council Discretionary Grant Policy.

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council requests Administration to make the following amendments to the Council Discretionary Grant Policy:

- Awarded Grant monies include a 'spend and report' component within two years of being awarded;
- The Finance Committee will check with applicants within twelve months to ensure the awarded grant monies will be spent;
- Applicants who receive grants must disclose what the grant monies were spent on, and if no money was spent, the grant monies must be returned within two years; and
- If the above rules are not followed, the organization receiving the grant monies, will be banned from making future Council Discretionary Grant application.

**CARRIED.**

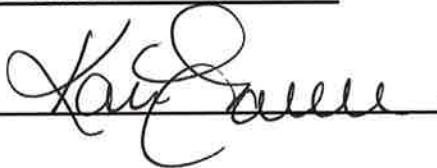
**DATE AND TIME OF  
NEXT MEETING**

The next Finance Committee meeting is to be announced.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chair