



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020

PRESENT: VOTING
Councillor Gares, Chair
Councillor Mund
Mayor Cumming

STAFF: Debra Law, Director, Financial Services
Terry Martens, Manager, Financial Operations
Natasha Kositsin, Secretary 1, Corporate Services

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund;

THAT the agenda for the Wednesday, November 19, 2020 meeting of the Finance Committee be amended to add:

Under Item 3 (a) – Review of section 4 of the Council Discretionary Grant Policy that was amended on June 8, 2020

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 August 31, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

**REVIEW OF
AMENDED COUNCIL
DISCRETIONARY
GRANT**

Director, Financial Services reviewed the amended Council Discretionary Policy to reflect the addition of section 4.0 Recipient Reporting:

4.0 Recipient Reporting

4.1 The Finance Committee will correspond with organizations that have received a discretionary grant within twelve months of receipt to ensure that the awarded grant funds will be spent.

4.2 Organizations that have received a discretionary grant must submit a report to the City within two years of receipt disclosing details on how the grant funds were spent. If none of the grant was spent, the grant must be returned to the City within two years of receipt.

4.3 If the above requirement is not followed by an organization receiving a discretionary grant, subsequent applications from that organization will not be approved.

The requirement of the new reporting will be included in the award letters beginning with the November 2020 grants.

**COUNCIL
DISCRETIONARY
GRANT
APPLICATIONS –
NOVEMBER 2 INTAKE**

The Manager, Financial Operations stated that there was \$34,000 in funds to disburse on Discretionary Grants due to a \$10,000 return from a grant that was approved in April to Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre for an event that was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**ALLAN BROOKS
NATURE CENTRE**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to Allan Brooks Nature Centre in the amount of \$ 25,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

CARRIED.

**ARCHWAY SOCIETY
FOR DOMESTIC
PEACE**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to Archway Society for Domestic Peace in the amount of \$3,000 as an application has already been submitted in 2020.

CARRIED.

**CANADIAN MENTAL
HEALTH
ASSOCIATION**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund:

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

CARRIED.

**COMMUNITY
RECREATION
INITIATIVE SOCIETY
(CRIS)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to Community Recreation Initiative Society in the amount of \$5,000 as an application has already been submitted in 2020.

CARRIED.

**INTERNATIONAL
TREE PROJECT**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to International Tree Project in the amount of \$23,337 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

CARRIED.

**LITERACY SOCIETY
OF THE NORTH
OKANAGAN**

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 Literacy Society of the North Okanagan in the amount of \$3,000 to assist in a new youth tutoring service.

CARRIED.

**NORTH OKANAGAN
THERAPEUTIC
RIDING 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 North Okanagan Therapeutic Riding Association in the amount of \$5,000 for ongoing programs.

CARRIED.

**OKANAGAN SCREEN
ARTS SOCIETY**

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 Okanagan Screen Arts Society in the amount of \$16,900 to assist in operational costs to the Vernon Towne Theatre.

CARRIED.

**SCHUBERT CENTRE
SOCIETY**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to Schubert Centre Society in the amount of \$10,000 as an application has already been submitted in 2020.

CARRIED.

**VERNON COMMUNITY
RADIO SOCIETY**

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 Vernon Community Radio Society in the amount of \$2,500 to assist in operational costs.

CARRIED.

**VERNON
MONTESSORI
SOCIETY**

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 Vernon Montessori Society in the amount of \$3,580 to assist in the purchase of learning materials.

CARRIED.

**VERNON PADDLING
CENTRE SOCIETY**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councilor Mund:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Paddling Society in the amount of \$14,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

CARRIED.

**VERNON SENIOR
CITIZENS
RECREATIONAL
SOCIETY (HALINA
CENTRE)**

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 Vernon Senior Citizens Recreational Society in the amount of \$3,000 to assist in signage and window/door wrap.

CARRIED.

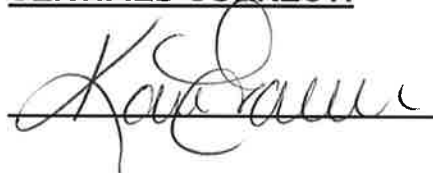
**DATE AND TIME OF
NEXT MEETING**

The next Finance Committee meeting is to be announced.

ADJOURNMENT

The Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


_____ Chair