



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022

PRESENT: VOTING
Councillor Gares, Chair
Councillor Mund
Mayor Cumming

NON-VOTING
Councillor Durning

STAFF: Debra Law, Director, Financial Services
Rena Crosson, Manager, Financial Operations
Katya Chirkoff, Secretary I - Corporate Services
Jade Adams-Longworth, Secretary I - Corporate Services

ORDER The meeting was called to order at 10:47 a.m.

**LAND
ACKNOWLEDGMENT** *As Chair of the City of Vernon's Finance Committee, and in the spirit of this gathering, I recognize the City of Vernon is located in the traditional territory of the Syilx people of the Okanagan Nation.*

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA** Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund;
THAT the agenda for the Tuesday, May 17, 2022 meeting of the Finance Committee be adopted:
CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES** Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming;
THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held November 9, 2021 be adopted.
CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**COUNCIL
DISCRETIONARY
GRANT – RECIPIENT
REPORTING** Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund;
THAT the Finance Committee receives the recipient reports as provided in the memorandum dated May 5, 2022 from the Manager, Financial Operations.
CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS**SEWER FUND
REQUEST FOR 1900
33 STREET**

The Director, Financial Services presented the Committee with a request for a Sewer Adjustment Request for 1900 33rd Street. The following was noted:

- Clarification was given on this property is rented as a Triplex. Since April 2022 the homeowner is paying for utilities based on it being a triplex – 3 garbage collection fees, 3 units for flat sewer fees.
- The onus is on the homeowner to prove that there was a leak and that it had been fixed.
- The consumption has increased over the two years; however, the consumption has been inconsistent and erratic.
 - The first quarter in 2019, and 2020 have a larger increase.
 - The property's consumption is at its highest in the off season (during the first and fourth quarters) which is unusual.
 - Consumption appears to pick up mid-December through mid-January.
- The applicant supplied information that the variation in consumption is from repairs done personally, resulting in the inability to provide receipts for the fix.
- The original concern was brought forward this January, which would allow for the applicant to qualify for a refund for the last year only (2021), as per the current practice.
- 2019 and 2020 shouldn't be considered due to the current practice of providing a refund for the past year only – this is considered a reasonable time.
- The applicant hasn't provided evidence of a water leak or of a repair of a water leak.
- The applicant doesn't qualify based on the City's policy requiring proof that a leak was repaired.

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council receive for information the request for a sewer leak adjustment from Mr. Rhett Vernon-Jarvis for 1900 33 Street reported in the memorandum dated April 29, 2022 from the Director, Financial Services.

AND FURTHER that administration advise the customer that the request is denied as per Bylaw 5400 – Sewer User Rates Bylaw.

CARRIED.

**COUNCIL
DISCRETIONARY
GRANT
APPLICATIONS –
APRIL 2022 INTAKE**

The Director, Financial Operations stated that there was \$50,000 in funds to disburse on Discretionary Grants for 2022. The following was noted:

- Past practices during Election Years show that trying to schedule a secondary meeting for the October Intake is challenging due to the Election and Council Training
- Four years ago, all of the Discretionary Grant Funds were all allocated during the April Intake.
- The Committee noted that they would consider allocating all of the funds once they have reviewed the applications submitted.

**ARCHWAY SOCIETY
FOR DOMESTIC
PEACE**

Moved by Councillor Mund seconded by Mayor Cumming;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council approve a Council Discretionary Grant to Archway Society for Domestic Peace in the amount of \$10,000 to help renovate their existing space to be more functional.

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 there was no evidence of financial need.

CARRIED.

**FAMILY RESOURCE
CENTRE SOCIETY
FOR THE NORTH
OKANAGAN**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council approve a Council Discretionary Grant to Family Resource Centre Society for the North Okanagan in the amount of \$4,000 to expand their Refugee and Immigrant Outreach program.

CARRIED.

**KALAMALKA
HIGHLANDER PIPE
BAND**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded Mayor Cumming;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council approve a Council Discretionary Grant to Kalamalka Highlander Pipe Band in the amount of \$5,000 to purchase new traditional pipe band uniforms.

CARRIED.

Councillor Mund declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

**KINDALE
DEVELOPMENTAL
ASSOCIATION**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Gares;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to Kindale Developmental Association in the amount of \$25,000 as there was no evidence of financial need.

**VERNON & DISTRICT
FUNTASTIC SPORTS
SOCIETY**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Gares;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council approve a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon & District Funtastic Sports Society in the amount of \$15,000 to put towards operation of the event including fencing to eliminate the need to rent in the future.

CARRIED.

Councillor Mund returned back to the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

**NEXUSBC
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE CENTRE
SOCIETY**

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 Society in the amount of \$20,000 due to lack of funds.

CARRIED.

**NORTH OKANAGAN
THERAPEUTIC
RIDING ASSOCIATION**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to North Okanagan Therapeutic Riding Association in the amount of \$7,500 due to lack of funds.

CARRIED.

**NORTH VALLEY
GYMNASTICS
SOCIETY**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council approve a Council Discretionary Grant to North Valley Gymnastics Society in the amount of \$10,000 to assist with purchasing equipment and help with costs related to new space.

CARRIED.

**SOVEREIGN LAKE
NORDIC CLUB (SLNC)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council approve, a Council Discretionary Grant to Sovereign Lake Nordic Club in the amount of \$4,000 of the \$6,250 requested to fund an economic impact study of the current operations, future events, and new construction projects.

CARRIED.

**SQUADRON
SPONSORING
COMMITTEE: 223 RED
LION SQUADRON**

Moved by Councillor Gares seconded by Mayor Cumming;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to the Squadron Sponsoring Committee: 223 Red Lion Squadron in the amount of \$5,000 due to incomplete financial information.

CARRIED.

**VERNON & DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION FOR
COMMUNITY LIVING
(VDAFL)**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon & District Association for Community Living in the amount of \$1,815 due to no evidence of financial need.

CARRIED.

**VERNON ALLIANCE
CHURCH**

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Mund.

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Alliance Church in the amount of \$1650 due to no evidence of financial need.

CARRIED.

**VERNON COMMUNITY
BAND SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Mayor Cumming;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council approve a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Community Band Society in the amount of \$800 to assist with operating expenses.

CARRIED.

VERNON COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Mayor Cumming;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council approve a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Community Music School in the amount of \$1,200 to purchase a PA system for all indoor performances, recitals and outdoor concerts.

CARRIED.

VERNON PADDLING CENTRE SOCIETY Moved by Councillor Gares seconded by Mayor Cumming;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Paddling Centre Society in the amount of \$5,500 due to incomplete financial information.

CARRIED.

VERNON RIBFEST SOCIETY Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Mayor Cumming;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Ribfest Society in the amount of \$10,000 due to incomplete financial information.

CARRIED.

VERNON SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Mayor Cumming;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Snowmobile Association in the amount of \$2,500 due to incomplete financial application.

CARRIED.

VERNON SPEED SKATING CLUB Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Mayor Cumming;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council deny a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Speed Skating Club in the amount of \$13,000 due to incomplete financial information.

CARRIED.

COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATIONS – OCTOBER 2022 INTAKE Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming;

THAT the Finance Committee not have a grant intake period for Council Discretionary Grants this October 2022.

CARRIED.

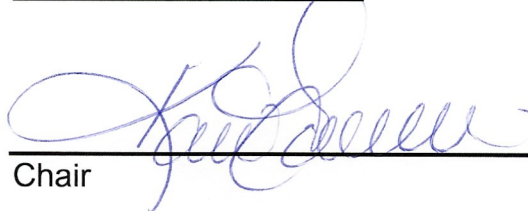
**DATE AND TIME OF
NEXT MEETING**

The next Finance Committee meeting is to be tentatively scheduled for June 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Chair