



COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

7:00 – 9:00 pm

HYBRID (IN-PERSON AND ONLINE VIA MS TEAMS)

Present:	Becky Zelikson (Chair) Christina Cassidy David Puterman (Vice Chair) Doug Beckett Genevieve MacMillan Trelawny Bell Zoha Meisami	Regrets:	Michael Shi Paola Blendl Ruby Vennesland Brenna Quaas Kelly Bond
Staff:	Eirikka Brandson, Social Planner Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk		

1. Welcome & Introductions

Becky Zelikson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Committee members were informed that the chair of the committee, Tiffany Trownson, resigned from the committee.

Nominations were called for the position of committee Chair. Becky Zelikson nominated herself and as no further nominations were received, Becky Zelikson was acclaimed as the Chair of the committee.

Nominations were called for the position of committee Vice Chair. David Puterman nominated himself and as no further nominations were received, David Puterman was acclaimed as Vice Chair of the committee.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved, seconded and resolved
To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the April 17, 2024 Minutes

Moved, seconded and resolved
To adopt the minutes.

CARRIED

4. Summary of Trends/Observations

As the review of the grant applications was now complete, committee members had opportunity to discuss their observations, and trends that they may have noticed during the review and evaluation of the grant applications.

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation summary of the 2024 grant applications noting that the purpose of the Municipal Community Service Grant is to provide financial support to nonprofit organizations to address social issues and needs and bring about positive change for North Shore residents.

For this year, 27 applications were received from the nonprofit sector; however, three applications were deemed ineligible and accordingly, 24 applications moved to the committee recommendation stage. The 24 applications submitted offered a diverse range of programs and services and almost all of them were prioritizing support for vulnerable populations.

The total amount requested by the applications this year was \$239,544 and the available funding was \$403,554 and there is \$201,770 available for this year's applications. There is a difference of \$37,774 between the total amount requested and the available funding.

In terms of the committee's evaluation, the committee recommended approximately \$181,944 which results in an approximate surplus of \$19,826 and this year the committee will not be considering a funding cut but balancing the budget by allocating the surplus back into the agencies.

In terms of observations and trends, for 2024, the main concern for agencies was poverty. Nonprofit organizations consistently brought attention to poverty related issues such as lack of affordable housing, increased food security and financial strain from rising costs.

5. Budget Reconciliation

For this year because there is a surplus, the committee is in a position for funding the applicants that were recommended for full funding, in full. For those that the committee recommended partial funding but the amount was above 70%, those applicants can be recommended for full funding, and for those approved in part and the amount was below 70% those agencies would be increased by 46%.

MOVED, seconded and resolved

The budget be reconciled such that agencies that were recommended to be approved in full are approved in full. Agencies recommended to be approved in part with a recommended amount above 70% approved in full, and agencies

that the committee recommended approved in part with a financial amount below 70% approved in part and increased by 46%.

CARRIED
Unanimously

MOVED, seconded and resolved

That the additional \$4,254 available be redistributed among the 29 agencies in the second year of funding equally.

CARRIED
Unanimously

In moving forward, the following timelines were presented for the upcoming committee meetings:

- June 19 – Review of the permissive tax exemption applications
- July 8 – The report with the committee recommendations will be brought to Council
- July and August – Summer break for the committee
- September 18 – Debrief on the grant process and key learnings; review and propose updates to the corporate policy and goals and guiding principles document
- October 16 – Presentations or field trip
- November 20 – Celebration

6. Any Other Business

No other business was presented.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024

District Vision Statement

Our goal is to be recognized among the most sustainable communities in the world as demonstrated through our environmental stewardship, strong network of neighbourhoods, a vibrant economy and community-driven growth and change.