



**COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

7:00 – 9:00 pm

HYBRID (IN-PERSON AND ONLINE VIA MS TEAMS)

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

1. Welcome & Introductions

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and committee members provided a brief introduction.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved, seconded and resolved
To approve the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the May 15, 2024 Minutes

Moved, seconded and resolved
To approve the minutes.

CARRIED

4. PTE Presentation and Review of Applications

This year, one new application was received from The Woods Arts & Wellness Society for permissive tax exemption.

There was also a review of the RNB Dance & Theatre Arts Society organizational establishment as a non-profit organization. This was part of last year's review for their application for permissive tax exemption for the leased portion of the property located at 1200 Lynn Valley Road; however, at the time of evaluation information was requested specifically around alignment with District policy.

Daniel So, Section Manager of Revenue and Taxation, provided an overview on the guidelines for granting Permissive Tax Exemptions as outlined in Section 224 of the Community Charter and in the DNV Council Policy – Taxation Exemption by Council Guidelines.

Section 224 of the Community Charter gives Council authority to exempt land and/or improvements from municipal property taxes. PTE's may be considered for applications that qualify under Section 224(2)(a) to (K) of the Community Charter.

On completion of the overview, the Committee reviewed the following applications.

- **The Woods Arts & Wellness Society**

MOVED, seconded and resolved

That the Community Services Advisory Committee recommends granting a Permissive Tax Exemption to The Woods Arts & Wellness Society – 117 – 3721 Delbrook Avenue.

CARRIED

- **RNB Dance & Theatre Arts Society**

As background, RNB Dance & Theatre Arts Society ("RNB") has received permissive tax exemptions for several years. They have recently leased a second location on Lynn Valley Road and applied in 2023 for a permissive tax exemption for that property as well. In this regard, staff explored the alignment with District policy around permissive tax exemption and spoke with the applicants regarding the type of services they were offering, and whether these services were an extension of a municipal service.

Committee members reviewed the organization n specifically focussing on whether the services offered by RNB were based on need or choice. In addition, information was provided to committee members that staff had undertaken a comparative analysis between RNB and other dance academies, the percentage of dancers who were participating in what could be considered recreational program versus competitive dance, the goal and mission of the dance academy and whether the service offered was an extension of services offered by the municipality.

During the discussion, committee members indicated that based on the application and the information received, there was uncertainty around both the uniqueness and community need of the services offered by RNB.

MOVED, seconded and resolved

The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends that District staff work with RNB Dance & Theatre Arts Society on a condition of exemption

agreement related to the two properties listed in the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw.

CARRIED
1 Opposed

5. Debrief Grant Process and Key Learnings

This item was not addressed and will be brought to the next meeting.

6. Any Other Business

No other business was presented.

For September 18th meeting:

- Discussion on how to highlight the work of agencies and explore partnering with communications dept.
- Finalize revisions to the Goals and Guiding Principles document.
- Review Corporate Policy and discussion on needed updates or revisions.

For October 16th meeting:

- Presentations or field trip (discussion)

For November 20th meeting:

- Celebration dinner (discussion)

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 18, 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.