

COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024 7:00 – 9:00 pm HYBRID (IN-PERSON AND ONLINE VIA MS TEAMS)

Michael Shi

Paola Blendl

Trelawny Bell Zoha Meisami

Ruby Vennesland

Members: Becky Zelikson (Chair)

Christina Cassidy

David Puterman (Vice Chair)

Doug Beckett

Genevieve MacMillan

Kelly Bond

Regrets: Brenna Quass

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 June 19, 2024 Minutes

Moved, seconded and resolved To approve the minutes.

CARRIED

4. Permissive Tax Exemption

RNB Dance & Theatre Arts Society

As background, the permissive tax exemption application for RNB Dance & Theatre Arts Society was previously reviewed at the June committee meeting and the committee's recommendation was to put into place a condition of exemption agreement.

District staff worked with RNB Dance & Theatre Arts Society in developing a condition of exemption agreement. The agreement was presented to the committee for review and consideration and no concerns or issues were raised.

MOVED, seconded and resolved

The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends including a condition of exemption agreement as drafted to the existing permissive tax exemption of RNB Dance & Theatre Arts Society as per Bylaw 8636.

CARRIED

Skyville Centre - 1520 Richmond St

MOVED, seconded and resolved

The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends not to grant a permissive tax exemption to Skyville Centre – 1520 Richmond Street.

CARRIED

5. Debrief Grant Process and Key Learnings

Committee members were provided with an overview of the committee's yearly workplan and were requested to provide their feedback on the CSAC grant process, particularly processes that worked well, and processes that may need improvement.

6. Policy Updates

(a) Goals and Guiding Principle

Committee members reviewed a further draft of the Goals and Guiding Principles document incorporating the prior feedback. On discussion, a suggestion was presented to include a question around how agencies promote reconciliation with First Nations. However, since the 12 evaluation criteria come from the Goals and Guiding Principle document and the Corporate Policy, it was suggested to add the question to the application form. Staff will bring back a proposed question to include in the new application form for 2025.

MOVED, seconded and resolved

The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends that the amendments to the Municipality Community Services Goals and Guiding Principles be considered for updating as per the document presented at the September 18, 2024 meeting.

CARRIED

(b) Review Corporate Policy

Committee members were requested to review the document prior to the next meeting and bring further feedback.

7. Highlighting the work of agencies and exploring partnering with Communications Department This item was not addressed.

8. Any Other Business

For October 16th meeting:

Presentations or field trip

Committee members were requested to provide feedback on possible agencies to visit or provide presentations for the October meeting. Some presentations and agencies that were suggested were visiting the North Shore Shelter, North Shore Junction and Lookout. Committee members also indicated that it would be beneficial to invite agencies that apply for grants provide a presentation to the committee. In this regard, a list of the agencies that were funded in 2023 and 2024 will be provided for consideration.

For November 20th meeting:

• Celebration Dinner

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 16, 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.