



COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

7:00 – 9:00 pm

HYBRID (IN-PERSON AND ONLINE VIA MS TEAMS)

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

1. Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved, seconded and resolved
To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the April 16, 2025 Minutes

Moved, seconded and resolved
To adopt the minutes.

CARRIED

4. Grant Review

- **Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland**

Requested: \$5,000
Recommended: \$4,500

Moved, seconded and resolved

That the grant from Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland be partially funded in the amount of \$4,500.

CARRIED
Unanimously

- **Canadian Mental Health Association – North and West Vancouver**

Requested: \$30,000
Recommended: \$30,000

Moved, seconded and resolved

That the grant from Canadian Mental Health Association – North and West Vancouver be fully funded in the amount of \$30,000.

CARRIED
Unanimously

- **Food Link Society (Formerly Immigrant Link Centre Society)**

Requested: \$10,000
Recommended \$10,000

Moved, seconded and resolved

That the grant from Food Link Society (Formerly Immigrant Link Centre Society) be fully funded in the amount of \$10,000.

CARRIED
Unanimously

- **Iranian Laughter Club**

Requested: \$5,000
Recommended: \$ 500

Moved, seconded and resolved

That the grant from Iranian Laughter Club be partially funded in the amount of \$500.

CARRIED
8 Yes
4 Opposed

- **North Shore Crisis Services Society**

Requested: \$19,300
Recommended: \$19,300

Moved, seconded and resolved

That the grant from North Shore Crisis Services Society be fully funded in the amount of \$19,300.

**CARRIED
Unanimously**

At the conclusion of the grant review, the committee briefly discussed the budget reconciliation process. Members were informed that a preliminary analysis indicated the need to reduce the budget by approximately \$30,000. Several potential approaches to reconciliation were proposed during the roundtable discussion:

- Apply an equal reduction across all grants
- Rank grants by score and reduce funding based on ranking
- Prioritize cuts based on whether grants were fully or partially recommended for funding
- Consider primary service areas (e.g., food security, mental health, senior services)
- Review grants that did not receive unanimous support or generated significant debate
- Examine grants with substantial funding increases to determine if qualitative justification was provided
- Group services into six categories and consider separating those serving vulnerable populations

As next steps for the May meeting, staff will develop possible scenarios and have a discussion around trends.

5. Any Other Business

Committee members were informed that the Neighborhood House has indicated that the Food Bank often do not get food spices, and that there had been an idea around a collection/donation for spices. Committee members were requested to indicate if there was interest that for the month of May they host a collection of spices through their networks and the donations forwarded to the Food Bank.

Moved, seconded and resolved

The Community Services Advisory Committee is interested in hosting the Spice Drive to benefit the North Shore Food Bank.

**CARRIED
Unanimously**

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025

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.