



MINUTES
GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD THURSDAY, 2015-AUG-13, 2:04 P.M.
ROOM 233, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor I. Thorpe, Chair
Councillor W. Pratt
V. Alcock-Carter

D. Bonner (Arrived at 2:07 p.m.)
S. Pachkowsky
D. Appell

STAFF PRESENT:

D. Hiscock, Manager of Revenue Services
T. Wilkinson, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR:

It was moved and seconded that Councillor Thorpe be elected Chair of the Grants Advisory Committee. The motion carried.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be adopted. The motion carried.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Grants Advisory Committee Meeting held in the Board Room, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC on Wednesday, 2014-AUG-20 at 2:37 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

Nomination of a volunteer from the Grants Advisory Committee to sit on the Culture & Heritage Grant Appeal Committee.

It was moved and seconded that the nomination of a member to the Culture & Heritage Grant Appeal Committee be deferred to a future meeting once a member from the Parks & Recreation Commission has been appointed to the Grants Advisory Committee. The motion carried.

6. NEW APPLICATIONS:

(a) Loaves & Fishes Food Bank Foundation (PTE-01)

V. Alcock-Carter vacated Room 233 at 2:15 p.m. declaring a conflict of interest as she sits on the Board of the Loaves & Fishes Food Bank Foundation.

It was moved and seconded that the Loaves & Fishes Food Bank Foundation be placed on the City's 2015 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw for the 2016 tax year for the property at 210 Fry Street. The motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to deny the Loaves & Fishes Food Bank Foundation a cash-in-lieu of 2015 taxes in the amount of \$8,410.56 due to budget restrictions and in keeping with past practice. The motion carried.

V. Alcock-Carter returned to Room 233 at 2:35 p.m.

(b) Nanaimo Kennel Club (PTE-02)

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Kennel Club be denied being placed on the City's 2015 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw for the 2016 tax year for the property is leases at #204 - 2290 Bowen Road, as they don't provide a service to the broader Nanaimo community, and it's not an activity that the City would normally provide if it wasn't otherwise available in the community. The motion carried.

Opposed: D. Bonner

(c) Mid Island Abilities & Independent Living Society (PTE-03)

It was moved and seconded that the Mid Island Abilities & Independent Living Society be placed on the City's 2015 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw for the 2016 tax year for the property it leases at 3999 Victoria Avenue. The motion carried.

(d) British Columbia Boys Choir (PTE-04)

It was moved and seconded that the British Columbia Boys Choir be denied being placed on the City's 2015 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw for the 2016 tax year for the property it leases at #6 - 150 Commercial Street, as the choir members reside in the Greater Vancouver region, and are not based in Nanaimo. The motion carried.

(e) Island Crisis Care Society (PTE-05)

It was moved and seconded that the Island Crisis Care Society be placed on the City's 2015 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw for the 2016 tax year for the properties at #3 & #4 - 1200 Princess Royal Avenue. The motion carried.

(f) Nanaimo Community Gardens Society (PTE-06)

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Community Gardens Society be placed on the City's 2015 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw for the 2016 tax year for the property it leases at 256 Needham Street. The motion carried.

(g) Nanaimo Recycling Exchange Society (PTE-07)

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Recycling Exchange Society be placed on the City's 2015 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw for the 2016 tax year for the property it leases at 2491 Kenworth Road, that they reapply in 2016 for the 2017 tax year, and that the Executive Director be invited to a future meeting to update the Committee on the progress of their relocation. The motion carried.

Opposed: B. Anderson

V. Alcock-Carter vacated Room 233 at 3:36 p.m.

(h) Nanaimo & District BC SPCA (OG-02)

It was moved and seconded that Nanaimo & District BC SPCA's request for an Other Grant in the amount of \$25,000 for the SNIP program (low income spay and neuter service) be deferred to a future meeting and requested Staff to obtain information from the Society on how the previous SNIP grant funds have been spent. The motion carried.

7. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, 2015-SEP-16 in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 3:55 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried.

Jan W. Thorpe
Chair

Sept. 16/15
Date

