



MINUTES
GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, 2014-MAY-21, 2:30 P.M.
BOARD ROOM, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor D. Johnstone, Chair
Councillor G. Anderson
V. Alcock-Carter
W. Anderson

L. Avis
D. Bonner
T. O'Flanagan
I. Thorpe

MEMBERS ABSENT:

B. Clemens, Director of Finance

STAFF PRESENT:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Councillor Anderson – questions regarding the Nature Trust of BC's organization (RPTE-05).

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda, as amended, 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-APR-30 at 12:00 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- (a) Memo dated 2014-MAY-21 from D. Hiscock, Staff Liaison, regarding background for the Nanaimo Travellers Lodge Society's Permissive Tax Exemption application.

6. DELEGATIONS:

- (a) AIDS Vancouver Island – Nanaimo (RPTE-52)

Ms. Dana Becker, AIDS Vancouver Island, entered the Board Room at 2:34 p.m.

Ms. Dana Becker, Manager, AIDS Vancouver Island, explained the type of programs offered by their organization at the property it leases at #201 - 55 Victoria Road, and that approximately 95% are people from the Nanaimo area.

Ms. Dana Becker vacated the Board Room at 2:57 p.m.

7. NEW APPLICATIONS:

- (a) Nanaimo Travellers Lodge Society (PTE-01)

Committee members noted:

- Staff to contact the Nanaimo Travellers Lodge Society and ask them to attend a future Grants Advisory Committee meeting for more information regarding the property at 1917 Northfield Road.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Travellers Lodge Society's PTE application be deferred to a future Grants Advisory Committee meeting. The motion carried.

- (b) BC Old Age Pensioners Organization Branch #4 (PTE-02)

It was moved and seconded that the BC Old Age Pensioners Organization Branch #4 be placed on the City's 2015 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw for property at 2465 Labieux Road. The motion carried.

8. RENEWAL APPLICATIONS:

- (a) St. John Ambulance Society (RPTE-03)

It was moved and seconded that the St. John Ambulance Society remains on the City's Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw for property it leases at 2250 Labieux Road, receiving exemption from taxes for the year 2015 and until the next review. The motion carried.

(b) Pacific Child and Family Enrichment Society (RPTE-31)

Committee members noted:

- the Pacific Child and Family Enrichment Society serves Vancouver Island residents, not just the Nanaimo area; many of their services are offered through daycare centres.

It was moved and seconded that the Pacific Child and Family Enrichment Society be denied a 2015 Permissive Tax Exemption for property it leases at 3156 Barons Road. The motion carried.

(c) United Way Central and Northern Vancouver Island (RPTE-35)

D. Bonner vacated the Board Room at 3:33 p.m. on a perceived conflict of interest as he is the President of the United Way Central and Northern Vancouver Island.

B. Anderson vacated the Board Room at 3:33 p.m. on a perceived conflict of interest as he is a Director of the United Way Central and Northern Vancouver Island.

It was moved and seconded that the United Way Central and Northern Vancouver Island remains on the City's Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw for property at #9 -327 Prideaux Street, receiving exemption from taxes for the year 2015 and until the next review. The motion carried.

D. Bonner and B. Anderson returned to the Board Room at 3:34 p.m.

(d) AIDS Vancouver Island – Nanaimo (RPTE-52)

It was moved and seconded that the Vancouver Island Aids Society remains on the City's Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw for property it leases at #201 - 55 Victoria Road, receiving exemption from taxes for the year 2015 and until the next review. The motion carried.

(e) Navy League of Canada, Nanaimo Branch (RPTE-63)

It was moved and seconded that the Navy League of Canada, Nanaimo Branch remains on the City's Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw for property at 750 Fifth Street, receiving exemption from taxes for the year 2015 and until the next review. The motion carried.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) Councillor Anderson – have any other municipalities given the Nature Trust of BC less than a 100% tax exemption?

It was moved and seconded that Staff prepare a report regarding other municipalities that may have given the Nature Trust of BC less than 100% property tax exemptions. The motion carried.

10. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, 2014-JUN-18 in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 3:48 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried.

Chair

Date