



MINUTES
GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, 2013-MAR-20, 3:00 PM
IN THE BOARD ROOM, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

F. Tellier
I. Thorpe

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor G. Anderson
L. Avis

STAFF PRESENT:

L. Mercer, Manager of Revenue Services
R. Baijius, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

3. 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, 2013-FEB-20 at 3:05 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS:

There is \$12,490.13 left in the budget.

5. NEW APPLICATIONS:

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

Committee members noted:

- The SPCA has been awarded \$15,000 at their last request.
- This has been an ongoing grant and should possibly be put into the budget as it seems to be annualized funding.
- The money awarded to the SPCA for their SNIP program is staying in the community as it is being used by a local chapter.

It was moved and seconded that Nanaimo & District BC SPCA be denied an Other Grant in the amount of \$25,000 for the SNIP program (low income spay and neuter service). The motion carried.

Opposed: Councillor Johnstone

(b) Radio Malaspina Society (PTE-02)

Delegation:

1. Mr. Jesse Schroeder, Sales and Fundraising, and Mr. Dylan Perry, Program Manager, Radio Malaspina Society, were in attendance to explain Radio Malaspina Society's purpose and to answer questions relating to their Permissive Tax Exemption application.

Committee members noted:

- Permissive Tax Exemption may be detrimental to the Society and it may be in their best interest to look into Heritage Exemption.
- The presented model seems like more of a business operation than non-profit.
- There are too many unknown variables at this time.

It was moved and seconded that the Grants Advisory Committee postpone Radio Malaspina Society's request to be placed on the City's 2013 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw for property leased at #2 – 34 Victoria Crescent, and cash-in-lieu of 2013 taxes in the amount of \$12,600 until a future Grants Advisory Committee meeting once they have been provided with more information (a copy of the Society's lease agreement and the floor plan of the property are necessary before a decision can be made). The motion carried.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, 2013-APR-17 in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 4:05 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried.

Chair

Date