

AGENDA
REGULAR RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
TO BE HELD IN THE
BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, 2012-FEB-08, COMMENCING AT 3:00 P.M.

1. **CALL THE REGULAR RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER:**

2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:**

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

4. **ADOPTION OF MEETING NOTES:**

- (a) Notes of the Regular Recreation Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 2011-NOV-09, at 3:02 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room. Pgs.
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(Motion to adopt minutes of 2011-NOV-09.)

5. **DELEGATIONS: (10 MINUTES) (None.)**

6. **CHAIR'S REPORT:**

7. **REPORTS OF PROJECT COMMITTEES:**

8. **STAFF REPORTS:**

- (a) **Travel Assistance Funding – Proposed Grant Changes.** Pgs.
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Staff Recommendations: That the Recreation Committee recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council:

- 1. Remove the criteria requiring that applicants must be traveling out of Province in order to qualify for a Travel Assistance Funding grant;*
- 2. Update the Travel Grant funding criteria to include an allowance for competitors traveling within BC to eligible Provincial, National or International competitions up to a maximum of \$50 per person to a maximum of \$1,000 per team;*
- 3. Add additional criteria ensuring the groups have applied for provincial funding from their Provincial Sport Organization if applicable; and,*
- 4. Evaluate multi-year applications on a case by case basis to ensure the program does not become an ongoing or only source of travel fund.*

(Motion required.)

9. **INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS** (Staff reports): (None.)

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:** (Action) (None.)
CORRESPONDENCE: (Information) (None.)

11. **NOTICE OF MOTION:**

12. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

13. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

(a) Travel Grant Exception – Wheatsheaf Fastball Club.

(Note: If items are to be removed from "Unfinished Business" a Motion is required.)

14. **QUESTION PERIOD:**

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

(Motion to adjourn, with the next regular meeting of the Recreation Committee to be held, if required, on Wednesday, 2012-MAR-14, commencing at 3:00 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.)

**NOTES OF THE REGULAR RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, 2011-NOV-09, COMMENCING AT 3:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioner Shirley Lance, Chair
Commissioner Jim Kipp
Commissioner Janet Cowling

REGRETS: Commissioner Joe Burnett
Commissioner Gisele Rudischer

GUESTS: Ms. Karen Streeter
Ms. Lynn Haley
Mr. Gary Turner

Staff: S. Samborski
M. Smith

E. Williams
C. Kuziw, Recording

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS: (None.)

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MEETING NOTES:

- (a) Meeting Notes of the Regular Recreation Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 2011-MAY-18 at 10:00 a.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting notes of 2011-MAY-18 be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. DELEGATIONS:

It was moved and seconded that the Delegations be permitted to address the Recreation Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

- (a) Karen Streeter, VIEx, Beban Park Barn Replacement – the delegation providing an overview and rationale for the Beban Park – VIEx barn replacement proposal. Ms. Lynn Haley, President of VIEx, also presented.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT:

(a) Feasibility Study for the Beban Park Barn Replacement.

At the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting held on 2011-JUL-27, Staff recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council endorse Option 1: replacing the existing barns on the VIEX grounds with one new consolidated barn structure as outlined in the report to the Commission (attached for information purposes).

Subsequently, it was moved and seconded that the matter be referred to the Recreation Committee for review of Option 1, with heating, in accordance with the six key points in the "Guidelines for City Assisted Community Capital Projects" document and return to Commission with recommendations.

At that time, due to time constraints as a result of the annual Vancouver Island Exhibition, it was determined that VIEX Staff would appear before the Recreation Committee to address the Beban Park Barn replacement matter at a future date.

7. REPORTS OF PROJECT COMMITTEES: (None)

8. STAFF REPORTS:

(a) Special Rate for People with Disabilities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Recreation Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission refer individuals with disabilities to the existing subsidized rate program for individuals and families, the Leisure Economic Access Program (LEAP); and agencies that service people with disabilities to the Corporate Recreation Pass instead of creating a separate category within the Parks, Recreation and Culture Regulation Bylaw 2008 No. 7073 (fees and charges).

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

(b) Feasibility Study for the Beban Park Barn Replacement.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Recreation Committee recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council endorse a modified version of Option 1 as outlined in the feasibility study to:

- *Replace four (4) of the existing barns on the VIEX grounds with one new consolidated barn structure as outlined in this report, with the addition of washrooms and heat to meet year round programming needs of the VIEX and other agriculturally focused community groups.*

A friendly amendment to the motion was made to read:

That the Recreation Committee recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council

- *Replace four (4) of the existing barns on the VIE grounds with one new consolidated barn structure as outlined in this report, with the addition of washrooms and heat to meet year round programming needs,*
- *Work with City Staff on a long term lease agreement, and*
- *Provide up to \$300,000 to the project when all financing is in place.*

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

9. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (Staff reports): (None.)

10. CORRESPONDENCE: (Action) (None.)

CORRESPONDENCE: (Information) (None.)

11. NOTICE OF MOTION:

12. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) **Sport Tournament Grant - Review of Applications and Allocation of Funds for the First Intake of 2012 Applicants.**

2012 Budget Total	\$21,498.00
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Less: Approved Grants-first intake	\$10,000.00
Remaining 2012 Budget	\$11,498.00

Recreation Committee Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve and recommend that Council approve the expenditure of \$10,000.00 for the first intake of the 2012 Sport Tournament Grant allocations as follows:

Sport Tournament Grant Applications 2009 - 2012					
GROUP	2009	2010	2011	2012	2012
	GRANT	GRANT	GRANT	REQUEST	RECOMMENDED
BC/Yukon Regional Agility Championships				1,500.00	500.00
Nanaimo Canoe and Kayak Club		500	600	1,000.00	500.00
Nanaimo Curling Club - BC Mixed Curling Championships		2,000		2,000.00	500.00
Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival		3400	2000	5,000.00	1000.00
N&D Minor Fastball Association -Squirt Challenge			2300	1,000.00	400.00
N&D Minor Fastball Association - Pee Wee Challenge		see above		1,000.00	400.00
Nanaimo Kennel Club	2500	1500	800	5,700.00	1000.00
Nan. District Lacrosse - Bantam	950	950	850	1,000.00	400.00
Nan. Minor Hockey Association	1,900	3000	3000	1,500.00	500.00
Nan. Riptides Swim - Spring Sprint	1250	500	2150	1,500.00	500.00
Nan. Riptides Swim -Van. Is Regionals		see above		2,000.00	700.00
Nan. Skating Club - Regionals	1500			2,000.00	700.00
Nan. White Rapids - BCSSA Provincials - one time event	1750	1000	2000	7,500.00	2500.00
WPVL - 97 Breakers		400	1250	750.00	400.00
TOTALS	9850	12,950	15,950	33,450.00	10,000.00

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

- It was recommended that \$2,500.00 from grant funding and an additional \$2,500.00 from PRCC VIP program (for a total of \$5,000.00) for the Nanaimo White Rapid BCSSA Provincial event be approved.

Recreation Committee Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve an additional \$2,500.00 for the Nanaimo White Rapids – BCSSA Provincial event from the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission VIP Program. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) **Community Program Development Grant Application – Cedar 4-H Sr. Advisory Council for Beban Park 4-H Barnyard.**

Recreation Committee Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve and recommend that Council approve that Cedar 4-H be granted \$5,000.00 for 2012 fiscal year.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted. The motion carried. **Opposed:** Commissioner Cowling.

(c) **Travel Grant Exception – W heatsheaf Fastball Club.**

Recreation Committee Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission have staff report on changing the Travel Grant Policy.

It was moved and seconded that the Recreation Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission have staff report on changing the Travel Grant Policy. The motion carried unanimously.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None.)

14. QUESTION PERIOD: (No Questions.)

15. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 4:25 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next Meeting of the Recreation Committee to be held, if required, Wednesday, 2012-JAN-11, commencing at 3:00 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

The motion carried unanimously.



Shirley Lance, Chair
Recreation Committee

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



S. Samhorski, Senior Manager
Recreation and Culture Services

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION:



Richard Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture

REPORT TO: THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

**FROM: SUZANNE SAMBORSKI, SENIOR MANAGER
RECREATION AND CULTURE SERVICES**

AUTHORED BY: LIZ WILLIAMS, MANAGER, TOURISM SERVICES

RE: TRAVEL ASSISTANCE FUNDING – PROPOSED GRANT CHANGES

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Recreation Committee recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council:

1. Remove the criteria requiring that applicants must be traveling out of Province in order to qualify for a Travel Assistance Funding grant;
2. Update the Travel Grant funding criteria to include an allowance for competitors traveling within BC to eligible Provincial, National or International competitions up to a maximum of \$50 per person to a maximum of \$1,000 per team;
3. Add additional criteria ensuring the groups have applied for provincial funding from their Provincial Sport Organization if applicable; and,
4. Evaluate multi-year applications on a case by case basis to ensure the program does not become an ongoing or only source of travel fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Criteria for Travel Assistance Grant funding was established many years ago by the City of Nanaimo Grants-in-Aid Committee. The purpose of the travel grant program is to assist individuals/teams as they pursue of provincial, national or international events. It is not designed as an on-going funding source for individuals or teams.

The Province funds a youth (18 years and under) travel assistance program for all registered Provincial Sport Organizations (PSO's) call "The SportFunder Youth Member Travel Assistance Program". The program funds are forwarded and managed by the various PSO's. The criteria and eligibility for the disbursement of the funds varies for each PSO. Ultimately, individuals or teams competing within the Province no longer have a consistent source of travel assistance funding. Further, the provincial funding was only for sport competition and only for youth so excluded those in dance, music and other cultural pursuits and anyone over 18 years of age. The expectation of the local groups applying for City of Nanaimo Travel Grants is that they will have first approached their PSO for travel assistance funds first.

To date, the grant funding program has only focused on those traveling out of Province to a variety of sport or cultural events. The Provincial travel funding program has since changed and those funds once given directly to individuals or teams is now given to qualifying Provincial Sport Organizations (PSO's) who use the money at their discretion based on pre-established guiding principles. Ultimately individuals or teams competing within the Province no longer have a consistent source of travel assistance funding. Further, the provincial funding was only for sport competition and only for youth so excluded those in dance, music and other cultural pursuits and anyone over 18 years of age.

Currently there is a total of \$7,500 in the Travel Assistance Funding budget. Applicants are allowed up to a maximum of \$100 per person to a maximum of \$2,000 for travel outside of BC. Staff recommend there be two-tiered funding for Travel Grant funds. Travel funding outside of British Columbia would remain the same; however, grants for travel to Provincial, National and International events hosted in British Columbia would be reduced. It is recommended that a lower amount of funding for travel within British Columbia at \$50 per person, to a maximum of \$1,000 per team, be instituted.

To date the demand for funding has not exceeded the budget (see attached).

Respectfully submitted,



Suzanne Samborski
Senior Manager, Recreation & Culture Services

Attachment

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File: A2-6 / B3-5-12
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Travel Grant Allocation 2005 to 2012

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Amount Available	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Amount Awarded	\$5,900.00	\$3,800.00	\$4,300.00	\$1,900.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,600.00	\$2,600.00	

