

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR FINANCE / POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TO BE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL,
ON MONDAY, 2006-DEC-11, COMMENCING AT 4:30 P.M.

1. **CALL THE REGULAR FINANCE / POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TO ORDER:**
2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:**
3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**
4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**
 - (a) Minutes of the Regular Finance / Policy Committee of the Whole Meeting held in the Board Room, City Hall, on Monday, 2006-SEP-18 at 4:30 p.m.
5. **DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS: (10 MINUTES)**
6. **REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:**
 - (a) Grants Advisory Committee – 2006 Grants Advisory Committee *Pg. 3-4*
Recommendations
 1. That Council award a Community Service grant to the following applicant:
 - Canadian Red Cross Society (CS-09) \$ 5,000.00
 - AND:
 2. That Council deny a Community Service grants to the following applicants:
 - Nanaimo & District Crime Stoppers (CS-10)
 - Nanaimo Community Hospice Society (CS-11)
 - AND:
 3. That Council deny a Travel Grant to the following applicant:
 - Kristen Melsted

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4. That Council award cash in lieu of 2006 Permissive Tax Exemptions to the following applicant, subject to the monies coming from Council's contingency:

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477 Tenth Street	\$2,281.00

AND:

5. That Council deny a cash in lieu of 2006 Permissive Tax Exemption to the following applicant:

- Canadian Mental Health Society (PTE-02)

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6. That Council award Security Check Grants to the following applicants:

- Arts Alive Summer School of the Fine Arts Society (SC-02) \$300.00
- Unity Church of Nanaimo (SC-03) \$30.00

7. **STAFF REPORTS:** *(blue)*

8. **INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:**

9. **CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS / OTHER BUSINESS:**

10. **QUESTION PERIOD:** *(Agenda Items Only)*

December 6, 2006

REPORT TO: FINANCE/POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

FROM: COUNCILLOR MERV UNGER, CHAIRPERSON
GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RE: 2006 GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Grants Advisory Committee recently met on November 21, 2006. Included in this report are the Committee's recommendations on what is expected to be the final meeting of this year.

BACKGROUND:

The Grants Advisory Committee has reviewed in detail the financial data and background information provided by the applicants. Recommendations are made in accordance with the Grants Policy and Guidelines adopted by Council.

The Committee recognizes both the limited funding that the City has available and the excellent community services provided by the various organizations. We are hopeful that the funds allocated by Council will allow the organizations in need of assistance to continue to provide their valuable services.

Grant funding is divided into the following categories: community service grants, travel grants, security grants, other grants and permissive tax exemptions.

Community service grants are given to social agencies providing advocacy, preventative and self-help services to residents of Nanaimo. Grants are given to fund services required by significant segments of the population and that are not funded exclusively by other levels of government. Agencies funded by the City should provide service to people who are in some way disadvantaged and need assistance in maximizing their quality of life.

Other grants are awarded to registered non-profit societies that demonstrate financial need and have a large number of volunteers. These organizations must be accessible to a large portion of the community and have a broad base of support. Sound financial and administrative management must also be demonstrated.

Travel grants are awarded in recognition that representatives of local organizations traveling outside the Province to attend championships become ambassadors for the City of Nanaimo. In order for an organization to be awarded a travel grant, they must have competed in (and won) a Provincial, Regional, or National championship (or equivalent) prior to applying for the travel grant.

Council is permitted to (but not required to) exempt certain organizations from property taxation. Sections 224, 225, 226 of the *Community Charter* identify situations in which Council may exercise discretion in granting full or partial exemptions from taxation. These exemptions must be adopted by bylaw, by the 31st of October of the year preceding exemptions.

☐ Council
☒ Committee of the whole
☒ Open Meeting
☐ In-Camera Meeting
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Respectfully submitted

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Chair, Grants Advisory Committee