

REPORT TO: THE PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION

FROM: COMMISSIONER S. LANCE, CHAIR, RECREATION COMMITTEE

**RE: MEETING HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK CONFERENCE ROOM
ON WEDNESDAY, 2006-NOV-08 AT 4:00 P.M.**

Present: Commissioner S. Lance, Recreation Committee Chair
Commissioner D. Johnstone Commissioner J. Cameron
Commissioner P. Field

Staff: B. Meunier

Absent With Regrets: Commissioner D. Burnett M. Smith

Commissioner Lance, Recreation Committee Chair, called the meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS: Nil

RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

MANAGER'S REPORT:

4. (1) **Procedures for City Travel Grants.** Mr. Brian Clemens, Director of Finance for the City of Nanaimo, provided a short presentation to the Recreation Committee advising that the Recreation Committee would be handling Travel Assistance Grants in the future. He reviewed the history and purpose of the grants along with the existing criteria for awarding grants. Mr. Clemens confirmed that there was \$7,500 in the 2006 budget allocated for this purpose.

Motion:

It was moved and seconded that the Manager's Report be received.

Carried Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. (1) **Review of Tournament and Festival Fund Grant Applications and Funding Recommendations.** The Committee Members reviewed 12 submissions requesting funds from the Tournament and Festival Grant fund. Commissioners requested clarification with regard to the definition of what would be included in festivals and tournaments. For the purposes of grant applicability, festivals were defined as "events staged by a local community organization which centres on a theme or unique aspect of our community". A tournament was defined as "a competition involving a series of games to decide a winner".

Committee members questioned the relevancy of the Nanaimo African Heritage Society application and the Bard to Broadway Theatre Society Application being considered as a tournament or a festival.

Motion:

It was moved and seconded that the applications from the Nanaimo African Heritage Society and the Bard to Broadway Theatre Society be referred for consideration by the Cultural Committee as part of the review for funds from the Art and Cultural Events Fund.

Carried Unanimously.

The Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life application was discussed stating that the primary objective of the event was to fundraise for cancer, not to stage a tournament or festival for the community which attracted large numbers of visitors to Nanaimo. Questions were also raised about the accuracy of the budget along with failure to include the estimated numbers of people attending for the upcoming event.

Recommendation:

It was moved and seconded that the application from the Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life, not be considered because the application did not meet the Tournament and Festival Fund Grant criteria.

Carried unanimously.

The remaining eight 2007 Tournament and Festival Fund Grant applications were reviewed.

Recommendation:

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the following 2007 Tournament and Festival Grant requests as listed below:

		2006 Approved	2007 Requested	2007 Recommended
A	Agility Association of Canada (AAG)	n/a	\$ 1,300	\$1,000
B	Atom 'A' Clippers (Nanaimo Minor Hockey)	n/a	\$ 1,000	\$ 950
C	Atom Friendship Tournament (Nanaimo Minor Hockey)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 950
D	CVI Botanical Garden Society	n/a	\$ 1,500	\$1,050
E	Dorman Timber Softball	n/a	\$ 1,500	\$ 850
F	Lacrosse Association (Nanaimo and District)	n/a	\$ 1,500	\$1,000
G	Peewee Challenge (Nanaimo Minor Hockey)	n/a	\$ 1,000	\$ 950
H	Nanaimo Diamonds Synchro Club	n/a	\$ 2,500	\$2,000
I	Nanaimo Quilter's Guild	n/a	\$ 6,000	\$1,200
	TOTAL:	\$ 1,000	\$ 17,300	\$9,950

Budgetted Funds in 2007:	\$20,000
Funds carried forward from 2006:	\$3,500
Total Funds Available in 2007:	\$23,500
Grants Recommended for Winter / Spring	\$9,950
Funds Remaining Summer / Autumn Event Applications:	\$13,050

Carried Unanimously.

With these grants approved, this would leave the remaining funds available to be allocated after the 2006-MAY-01 deadline for events taking place between July 1 and December 31, 2007.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION: Nil.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS: Nil.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:45 p.m.