



AGENDA COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 4, 2017, 4:30 PM
Board Room, Service and Resource Centre,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC

Pages

1. **CALL THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE TO ORDER:**
2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:**
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**
4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**
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Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Community Vitality Committee held in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2017-SEP-06 at 4:30 pm.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Archaeological Overview Assessment**

Purpose: To provide an update on the Archaeological Overview Assessment currently underway within the City of Nanaimo.
6. **OTHER BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Tommy Douglas Plaque - Update**

Purpose: To provide an update on the Tommy Douglas Plaque project.
 - b. **Social and Health Network - Update**

Purpose: To provide an update on the current status of the Social and Health Network.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - a. **Press Release (2017-SEP-11) City Seeking Nominations for 2018 Culture & Heritage Awards** 7 - 8
 - b. **Press Release (2017-SEP-11) City Accepting Applications for 2018 Culture & Heritage Grants** 9 - 10

8. QUESTION PERIOD:

9. ADJOURNMENT:

MINUTES
OPEN COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
WEDNESDAY, 2017-SEP-06, AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Members: Dennis McMahon, Vice Chair
 Councillor M.D. Brennan
 Erin Hemmens
 Rob McGregor
 Ingrid Sly
 Paula Waatainen

 Absent: Councillor G. W. Fuller, Chair
 Councillor J. Hong

 Staff: Bruce Anderson, Manager, Community and Cultural Planning
 Karin Kronstal, Social Planner
 Chris Barfoot, Culture & Heritage Coordinator
 Rebecca Buckler, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Open Community Vitality Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

- (a) D. McMahon advised that he would be bringing forward an item under Agenda Item 6 c) Other Business regarding the addition of agenda items.
- (b) D. McMahon advised that he would be bringing forward an item under Agenda Item 6 d) Other Business regarding the Health and Social Network formed by the previous Social Planning Advisory Committee.
- (c) D. McMahon advised that he would be bringing forward an item under Agenda Item 6 e) Other Business regarding clarification on the Community Vitality Committee strategic directions / scope of work.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Open Meeting of the Community Vitality Committee held in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2017-JUL-05 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) Appointment of Member to Affordable Housing Strategy Steering Committee

Recommendation: That the Committee appoint one (1) member to the Affordable Housing Strategy Steering Committee.

It was requested that one member of the Community Vitality Committee volunteer to sit on the Steering Committee. The purpose of the strategy is to develop a plan on how to best invest in housing affordability over the next ten years. The strategy will identify top priorities, and set a clear vision over the next ten years as how to best leverage those priorities.

It was moved and seconded that R. McGregor represent the Community Vitality Committee on the Affordable Housing Strategy Steering Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Cultural Gathering 2017

Purpose: To provide information on the upcoming Cultural Gathering 2017 event, to be held on Thursday, 2017-SEP-28.

The event will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at the Nanaimo Museum from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. RSVP is required. The purpose of the event is to bring together the arts and culture sector to learn, network, identify needs and potential opportunities.

A representative from BC Alliance for Arts & Culture will give a short presentation on “Spacefinder BC”. The presentation will be followed by roundtable discussions with those in attendance to identify current sector needs and seek opportunity for collaboration.

(c) PlanH Grant – Come to the Table: Strengthening Neighbourhood Connections Project

Purpose: To provide information on the PlanH Grant awarded to the City of Nanaimo by the BC Healthy Communities Society in the amount of \$14,500 for the “Come to the Table: Strengthening Neighbourhood Connections” project.

The City was successful in receiving the grant in order to facilitate the “Come to the Table” project, aimed at assisting isolated individuals. The funds will go toward hosting three “pop-up meals” on three different streets across the city, for nine events in total. The streets selected will be streets identified as having citizens at high risk of isolation, such seniors. The goal is for the isolated individuals to meet their neighbours and possibly identify a community project in which they could work together (art project, seed planting, etc.). Costs for potential community projects would be covered by the remaining grant funds.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Council Amendment to the Cultural Plan

On 2017-JUL-10, Council approved the motion made at the 2017-JUN-07 Community Vitality meeting to amend *A Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo 2014-2020, Section 5.5 – “Cultural Asset Priority Plan”* to include the following item: To support multi-use community arts space.

Request from D. McMahon: “That a subcommittee be formed with the purpose to determine the needs of the Nanaimo arts community”.

The Cultural Gathering (as discussed above) on 2017-SEP-28 will act as the starting point for a needs assessment for arts and cultural organizations. Information gathered at the event will be presented to the Committee. The potential of forming a subcommittee could be explored to consider further opportunities.

Committee members seemed enthusiastic about participating in the event. Staff noted that the roundtable discussions would be a good opportunity for them to spread themselves amongst the groups to assist with facilitation and to educate themselves on what is happening in the sector.

(b) Committee Member Resignation – Michele Green

Legislative Services will advertise to fill the vacant position in November. The Committee requested that a letter be sent to M. Greene thanking her for her participation.

(c) Adding Items to the Agenda

D. McMahon requested clarification as to the process in which members can have an item added to an agenda. Staff noted that according to policy, staff are to work in conjunction with the Chair to create the agenda, and that additions to the agenda should be requested through the Chair.

(d) Update on the Health and Social Network

D. McMahon noted that the previous Social Planning Advisory Committee (SPAC), in response to the 2012-2015 Strategic Plan, recommended that a Health and Social Network be formed. Staff noted that a forum was held in 2013, and a publication was created (City of Nanaimo Health and Social Forums – Findings & Recommendations). Staff will provide an update on the initiative at a future Committee meeting.

(e) Community Vitality Committee Strategic Directions / Scope of Work

D. McMahon requested clarification on the Committee's Strategic Directions and scope of work. Staff explained that Council sets Strategic Directions for each Committee on an annual basis. The directions to act as a framework for topics that can be addressed by the Committee over the coming year. The Committee may not necessarily address every single item listed, but has the ability address items that fall within that scope.

On occasion, a Committee may request input or recommendation(s) from the Community Vitality Committee on a topic that falls within the other Committee's scope (for instance, the Community Planning & Development Committee may request input from the Community Vitality Committee on an Area Plan). If the Committee is particularly interested in an item that does not necessarily fit into their scope, information can be provided by Staff.

7. QUESTION PERIOD:

No one in attendance wished to ask questions.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:35 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER

NEWS RELEASE

Distributed September 11, 2017

City Seeking Public Nominations for 2018 Culture & Heritage Awards

Deadline for nominations is Friday, November 17 (no later than 4:30 pm)

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is seeking public nominations for the 2018 Culture & Heritage Awards. The awards recognize outstanding organizations, groups and individuals in the arts, culture & heritage fields.

AWARD CATEGORIES:

- EXCELLENCE IN CULTURE
- HONOUR IN CULTURE
- EMERGING CULTURAL LEADER
- HONOUR IN HERITAGE *NEW AWARD CATEGORY*
- JOHN THOMSON HERITAGE MEMORIAL

This is your opportunity to recognize people and groups you believe have made a significant contribution to making Nanaimo a culturally vibrant city. Recipients are recognized at a special celebration at the Port Theatre in April 2018.

Nomination forms are available online (www.nanaimo.ca > Culture & Environment > Awards) attached to this press release, or by contacting us directly. The deadline for nominations is Friday, November 17, 2017 no later than 4:30 pm.

Strategic Link: The Culture & Heritage Awards support “Cultural Vitality” by supporting culture as an integral part of everyday life in Nanaimo. As well, they support the 2014-2020 Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo by strengthening the Creative Sector, Connectivity: Connecting people, communities and ideas.

Key Points

- The EXCELLENCE IN CULTURE award is presented to an organization or individual that has achieved regional and/or national recognition in the field of arts and is recognized as a “Nanaimo artist”, demonstrating excellence in their field, and a significant inspiration to others.
- The HONOUR IN CULTURE award is presented to an individual, group or corporation that is known for their dedication and support of the development of Nanaimo’s cultural sector.
- The EMERGING CULTURAL LEADER award recognizes up-and-coming, Nanaimo-based cultural leaders. This award targets individuals under 30 years of age who have contributed significantly to the cultural life in Nanaimo.
- The JOHN THOMSON HERITAGE MEMORIAL award recognizes individuals who demonstrate outstanding lifetime heritage service and dedication to the community. A new award category (HONOUR IN HERITAGE) has been added for 2018. The award recognizes individuals, groups and corporations who demonstrate outstanding support, advocacy, promotion or interpretation of Nanaimo’s heritage and history.

Quotes

"These awards recognize the best of Nanaimo's arts, culture and heritage volunteers, as well as their creative talent. The work of these amazing volunteers and creative professionals all contributes a sense of vitality and pride within our community."

Bill McKay
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

"The new Honour in Heritage category represents a broadening of the City's recognition of outstanding support, advocacy, promotion or interpretation work done by its citizens (including individuals groups and corporations) with respect to Nanaimo's heritage and history."

Chris Sholberg
Heritage Planner
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- A new award category (HONOUR IN HERITAGE) has been added for 2018. The award recognizes individuals, groups and corporations who demonstrate outstanding support, advocacy, promotion or interpretation of Nanaimo's heritage and history.

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NEWS RELEASE

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City Accepting Applications for 2018 Culture and Heritage Grants

Deadline for submission is Monday, October 16, 2017 (no later than 4:30 pm)

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is now accepting applications from community non-profit cultural organizations seeking financial assistance to support their 2018 operations, projects, or events. Funds are available under two grants:

- CULTURE AND HERITAGE OPERATING GRANTS
- CULTURE AND HERITAGE PROJECT GRANTS

Guidelines, criteria and application forms are available online (www.nanaimo.ca > Culture & Environment > Grants), attached to this news release, in person at the Service & Resource Centre (411 Dunsmuir Street), or by contacting us directly. The deadline for application submission is Monday, October 16, 2017 no later than 4:30 pm.

Strategic Link: The Culture & Heritage Grants support "Cultural Vitality" by supporting culture as an integral part of everyday life in Nanaimo. As well, they support the 2014-2020 Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo's strategy to support ongoing and stable core funding to non-profit arts and cultural organizations to enable them to leverage funding from other sources.

Key Points

- Organizations can apply for funding to assist with their 2018 operations, projects, or events.
- The deadline for application submission is Monday, October 16, 2017 (no later than 4:30 pm).

Quotes

"These grant programs help to underpin activities of Nanaimo's culture and heritage organizations, all of which contribute to our city's cultural and economic vitality."

Bill McKay
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DATE OF MEETING August 10, 2017

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SUBJECT SOCIAL PLANNING GRANTS - 2017 RECOMMENDATIONS

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council approval for the 2017 Social Response and 2017 Community Vitality grant allocations.

Recommendation

That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve the 2017 Social Response and the 2017 Community Vitality grant recommendations..

BACKGROUND

Each year since 2001, the City of Nanaimo allocates two social planning grants; the Social Development grant and the Community Service grant; providing a total of \$85,000 annually to non-profit societies and/or recognised faith groups to address social issues affecting Nanaimo residents.

The grants have been renamed to Social Response Grants (\$60,000) and Community Vitality Grants (\$25,000). The revised application guidelines (Attachment A) request that project proposals respond to the City's Strategic Funding priorities for the Social Planning grant program.

The City issued a call for proposals with a submission deadline of 2017-JUL-24. Three applications were received for the Social Response grant and five applications were received for the Community Vitality grant, representing a total funding request of \$197,040. Staff reviewed eligible applications relative to the grant guidelines, and recommend allocating a total of \$85,000 to five applicants.

2017 Social Response Grant Program (\$60,000) Recommendations

Applicant Name	Project Name	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society	Intercultural Mental Health Equity Project	\$59,800	\$59,800
Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre	Boots to Suits	\$75,000	\$0
Nanaimo Women's Resource Society	Street Wise Designs	\$24,240	\$0
		\$159,040	\$59,800

2017 Community Vitality Grant Program (\$25,000) Recommendations

Applicant Name	Project Name	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Community Kitchens	Bellies to Babies and Beyond	\$5,000	\$5,000
Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society	Community Cultural Competency	\$10,000	\$0
Nanaimo Region John Howard Society	Restorative Practice In School Communities	\$7,000	\$7,000
Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation	Career Cruising: Inspire	\$10,000	\$8,000
Nanaimo Women's Resource Society	Small Ghosts	\$6,000	\$5,000
		\$38,000	\$25,000

OPTIONS

- That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve the 2017 Social Response and the 2017 Community Vitality grant recommendations.
 - Budget Implication:** The recommendations do not exceed the total available budget of \$85,000 for the 2017 Social Planning grants.
 - Strategic Priorities Implication:** The Social Response and Community Vitality grant allocations are consistent with the strategic priorities established for the Social Planning grant program and with the City's *Community Value* of social equity.
- That the Finance and Audit Committee provide alternative funding recommendations.

SUMMARY POINTS

- The City received eight eligible applications with a total request of \$197,040 for the Social Response and Community Vitality grant programs.
- The total grant budget is \$85,000. It is recommended that \$84,800 be allocated to five applicants.

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A: Social Development Grant Program – Grant Guidelines & Criteria

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