

DATE OF MEETING | AUGUST 8, 2018 |

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SUBJECT | **TRAVEL ASSISTANCE GRANT – NANAIMO MINOR BASEBALL
ASSOCIATION MOSQUITO PIRATES**

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council approval of a request for a Travel Assistance Grant. |

Recommendation

That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve the request from the Nanaimo Minor Baseball Mosquito Pirates for a Travel Assistance Grant in the amount of \$550 for eleven (11) players to attend the Mosquito AAA Tier 1 Provincial Championships held from 2018-AUG-02 through 2018-AUG-06 in Chilliwack, BC.

BACKGROUND

The City of Nanaimo provides a contingency account for amateur sports and cultural groups, and individuals to travel within B.C. (excluding travel on Vancouver Island) and out of province to a Regional, National or International Championship. These funds are available to sports and cultural groups qualifying in Provincial or Regional competitions and the current policy provides \$50 per person to a maximum of \$1,000 per application for travel within B.C. or \$100 per person to a maximum of \$2,000 per application for travel outside of B.C. Requests are considered on a first-come, first-served, basis as funds remain available.

Staff review all Travel Assistance Grant applications and forward the recommendation to Council for approval.

On 2018-JUL-17, Staff reviewed a Travel Assistance Grant application submitted by the Nanaimo Minor Baseball Association Mosquito Pirates team in the amount of \$550 for eleven (11) players to attend the Mosquito AAA Tier 1 Provincial Championships held from 2018-AUG-02 through AUG-06 in Chilliwack, BC. Staff determined that this application met all of the grant criteria and recommend that Council approve the application.

OPTIONS

1. That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve the request from the Nanaimo Minor Baseball Mosquito Pirates for a Travel Assistance Grant in the amount of \$550 for eleven (11) players to attend the Mosquito AAA Tier 1 Provincial Championships held from 2018-AUG-02 through 2018-AUG-06 in Chilliwack, BC.
 - **Budget Implication:** To date, there has been \$4,250 allocated or pending from the 2018 Travel Grant Contingency Funds. If the above travel grant of \$550 is approved \$2,700 will remain available for any additional 2018 travel grant requests.
 - **Engagement Implication:** Promotes excellence in sports and culture.
2. Deny the Travel Assistance Grant application.
 - **Budget Implication:** To date, there has been \$4,250 allocated or pending from the 2018 Travel Grant Contingency Funds. If the above travel grant of \$550 is denied, \$3,250 will remain available for any additional 2018 travel grant requests.

SUMMARY POINTS

- Funds are allocated yearly for Travel Assistance Grants.
- The group's application meets all of the required criteria.
- To date, there have been \$4,250 allocated or pending from the 2018 Travel Grants Contingency Funds and \$3,250 remains available for 2018 travel grant requests.

ATTACHMENTS

Travel Assistance Grant Application
Travel Assistance Evaluation Form

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