

Staff Report for Decision

DATE OF MEETING | March 20, 2019 |

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**SUBJECT NANAIMO VOLUNTEER & INFORMATION CENTRE SOCIETY
OTHER GRANT FUNDING REQUEST**

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council approval regarding the Nanaimo Volunteer & Information Society Other Grant funding request. |

Recommendation

That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council award an Other Grant to the Nanaimo Volunteer & Information Centre Society (OG-01) in the amount of \$1,551.46 to cover the cost of the rental of Beban Park Auditorium on 2019-APR-11 for their 2019 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

BACKGROUND

Typically this application would be reviewed by the Grants Advisory Committee and then brought forward to Council with the Committee's recommendation. As this Committee has been put on hold, this grant application has been brought directly to Council for consideration.

The Nanaimo Volunteer & Information Centre Society (the Society) is requesting an "in-kind" grant of \$1,551.46 for the rental of Beban Park Auditorium for the Society's 2019 Annual Volunteer Luncheon which is to be held on 2019-APR-11.

This has been an annual request from the Society which Council has supported for the past several years. At the 2016-FEB-22 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Council approved annual funding in advance through the balance of their Council term. This ended in 2018, and therefore a new application is needed. The application was reviewed and meets the requirements for an "Other Grant" as set out in the Grants Policy and Guidelines, adopted by Council in August 2011. Attachment A includes the relevant sections; please see page 4 of the Grants Policy and Guidelines.

OPTIONS

1. That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council award an Other Grant to the Nanaimo Volunteer & Information Society (OG-01) in the amount of \$1,551.46 to cover the cost of the rental of Beban Park Auditorium on 2019-APR-11 for their 2019 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.
 - **Budget Implication:** The 2019 budget for Other Grants is \$7,000 and the full balance is currently available.
 - **Strategic Priorities Implication:** One of the Community values outlined in the 2016 – 2019 Strategic Plan is Social Equity: creating a sustainable community that reduces the effects of poverty overall, increases citizen safety and nurtures health and inclusivity;
2. Deny the grant application. |

SUMMARY POINTS

- Volunteer Nanaimo is requesting an “in-kind” grant of \$1,551.46 to cover the cost of facility rental for their annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.
- Council has supported this request in the past.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: Grants Policy and Guidelines
- Attachment B: Grant Application |

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