

DATE OF MEETING JUNE 13, 2018

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**SUBJECT TRAVEL ASSISTANCE GRANT – VIPL UPPER ISLAND STORM  
U17 GIRLS SOCCER**

## **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 Vancouver Island Premier League Upper Island Storm U17 Girls Soccer for a Travel Assistance Grant in the amount of \$550 for eleven (11) players to attend the BC Provincials Soccer Championships in Richmond BC, to be held 2018-JUL-05 through 2018-JUL-08, 2018.

## **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 the Council for approval.

On 2018-MAY-18, Staff reviewed a Travel Assistance Grant application submitted by the Vancouver Island Premier League Upper Island Storm U17 Girls Soccer in the amount of \$550 for eleven (11) players to attend the BC Provincials Soccer Championships in Richmond BC, to be held 2018-Jul-05 through 2018-JUL-08, 2018. 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 Vancouver Island Premier League Upper Island Storm U17 Girls Soccer for a Travel Assistance Grant in the amount of \$550 for eleven (11) players to attend the BC Provincials Soccer Championships in Richmond BC, to be held 2018-JUL-05 through 2018-JUL-08, 2018.
  - **Budget Implication:** To date, there has been \$2,150 allocated or pending from the 2018 Travel Grant Contingency Funds. If the above travel grant of \$550 is approved, \$4,800 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 \$2,150 allocated or pending from the 2018 Travel Grant Contingency Funds. If the above travel grant of \$550 is denied, \$5,350 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 required criteria.
- To date, there have been \$2,150 allocated or pending from the 2018 Travel Grants Contingency Funds and \$5,350 remains available for 2018 travel grant requests.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Travel Assistance Grant Application  
Attachment B: Travel Assistance Evaluation Form

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