

Finance Committee Minutes

Council Chamber City Hall 14245 - 56 Avenue Surrey, B.C. MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012 Time: 5:09 p.m.

Present:	Absent:	Staff Present:
Councillor Gill - Chair		City Clerk
Councillor Hayne		City Manager
Councillor Hepner		City Solicitor
Councillor Hunt		General Manager, Engineering
Councillor Martin		General Manager, Finance & Technology
Councillor Rasode		General Manager, Human Resources
Councillor Steele		General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
Councillor Villeneuve		General Manager, Planning & Development
Mayor Watts		Land Development Engineer
		Manager, Area Planning & Development, North Division
		Manager, Area Planning & Development, South Division

A. **CORPORATE REPORTS**

The Corporate Reports, under date of January 23, 2012, were considered and dealt 1. with as follows:

Item No. Foo5	One-Time Community Grants for 2012	
	File: 1850-20	

The General Manager, Finance and Technology and the Executive Director, Surrey Foundation submitted a report concerning One-Time Community Grants for 2012.

The General Manager, Finance, and Technology Executive Director, Surrey Foundation were recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in their report.

It was Moved by Councillor Hunt Seconded by Councillor Hayne That the Finance Committee recommends that Council approve One-Time Community Grants for 2012 as recommended by the Surrey Foundation Grant Evaluation Committee and as documented in Schedules A and B attached to Corporate Report Foo5. Carried

Council requested clarification regarding the decrease in annual funding toward "Movies in the Park" run by the Downtown Surrey BIA. Staff clarified that the funding request was put to the Committee for review and a smaller amount allocated for 2012 as a result; however, Council may change the allocations at their discretion.

Item No. Foo8	08 Community Enhancement Partnership (CEP) Program	
	Little Campbell River Restoration and Forest Trail	
	Interpretive Signage	
	File: 1850-01	

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture General Manager, Finance and Technology submitted a report concerning Community Enhancement Partnership (CEP) Program – Little Campbell River Restoration and Forest Trail Interpretive Signage.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture General Manager, Finance and Technology were recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in their report.

It was Moved by Councillor Martin Seconded by Councillor Steele That the Finance & Technology Department recommend that the Finance Committee recommend that Council approve a grant under the CEP Program in the amount of \$3,000 to the Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society and the Little Campbell Watershed Society to support the removal of invasive plants, the planting native species and installing interpretive signage along the Little Campbell River as generally described in Corporate Report Foo8. <u>Carried</u>

Item No. Foo9Applications for Funding under the Provincial Civil
Forfeiture Program and Information about the Federal
Proceeds of Crime Program
File: 1855-04

The General Manger, Investment & Intergovernmental Relations, the General Manager, Finance and Technology and the Crime Reduction Strategy Manager submitted a report to provide information on funding opportunities available through the Provincial Civil Forfeitures Program and the Federal Proceeds of Crime Program. This report responds to a request by the Public Safety Committee at its meeting on October 24, 2011. The report also identifies projects that qualify for funding.

The General Manger, Investment & Intergovernmental Relations, the General Manager, Finance and Technology and the Crime Reduction Strategy Manager were recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in their report.

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin Seconded by Councillor Steele That the Finance Committee recommends

that Council:

1. Receive Corporate Report Foo9 as information, and

2. Authorize the submission of an application for a grant under the Provincial Civil Forfeitures Program for the following projects (as generally described in this report):

- a. The Child Advocacy Centre (Sophie's Place); and
- b. A Wire Theft Reduction Program. <u>Carried</u>

It was Moved by Councillor Hunt Seconded by Councillor Martin That the report be referred to the Intergovernmental Committee for review. <u>Carried</u>

Item No. Fo10	Surrey Child Advocacy Centre (Sophie's Place)
	File: 4750-01

The City Manager submitted a report to provide information on the Child Advocacy Centre (CAC) known as "Sophie's Place" and seek Council approval for funding for capital improvements and lease payments for six months as the City's contribution of seed funding for this initiative.

The City Manager was recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in his report.

It was Moved by Mayor Watts Seconded by Councillor Hepner That the Finance Committee recommends

that Council:

- 1. Corporate Report Foio as information;
- 2. Approve an allocation of \$25,800 to Sophie's Place (the Child Advocacy Centre) from the Council Initiative Fund for the purposes outlined in this report; and
- 3. Authorize staff to work with partner agencies in developing a sustainable operating model for Sophie's Place and to provide a further report to Council complete with recommendations at the conclusion of that work. <u>Carried</u>

Councillor Hunt expressed concern regarding the fund allocation to Sophie's Place and asked that consideration be given (as the project continues to develop) funding would roll over into capital budget to ensure capital improvements are done over a period of time.

Staff clarified that the intention is to demonstrate the City's commitment to the project and noted there are 3 – 4 other partners involved and that over the next few months; the City will be working with the partners to develop a sustainable model including both capital and operating costs. The current funding level given was designed to make the business model successful in the short-term.

It was Moved by Councillor Hunt Seconded by Councillor Rasode That the Downtown Surrey BIA grant for 'Movies in the Park' be increased to \$2,000. Carried

Item No. Foo6	2012 Community Grants
	File: 1850-20

The General Manager, Finance, and Technology submitted a report concerning 2012 Community Grants.

The General Manager, Finance and Technology was recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in her report.

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin Seconded by Councillor Steele That the Finance Committee recommends

that Council:

- 1. Approve the 2012 City grants as documented in *Schedule A*; and
- 2. Allocate \$2,500 from the Special Recognition Fund for the purchase of City of Surrey pins to be distributed by the Mayor's Office to parties hosting and/or attending provincial/national events.

<u>Carried</u>

Item No. Foo7	Funding Request from Arts Umbrella Surrey
	File: 1850-01

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture and the General Manager, Finance and Technology submitted a report to provide information on the plans by Arts Umbrella to establish a location from which to deliver arts-education services in North Surrey and to obtain Council approval of a one-time contribution of \$50,000 from the Council Initiative Fund to *Arts Umbrella Surrey* to assist with the costs of tenant improvements at a new service delivery location in North Surrey.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture and the General Manager, Finance and Technology were recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in their report.

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin Seconded by Councillor Steele That the Finance Committee recommends

that Council approve a grant of \$50,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund to Arts *Umbrella Surrey* for tenant improvements at the *Arts Umbrella Surrey* business location in north Surrey, being in the Park Place development at 100 Avenue and King George Boulevard.

Carried

B. ADJOURNMENT

now adjourn.

It was

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve Seconded by Councillor Hepner That the Finance Committee meeting do

Carried

The Finance Committee adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Gill, Chairperson