

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL
FROM: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
SUBJECT: **COMMUNITY GRANT - VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA**
PURPOSE: To seek approval of a Community Grant for Veterans Affairs Canada in support of their event at Central Park on Saturday, July 22, 2023, commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Korean War.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT a grant in the amount of \$72.44 be retroactively awarded to Veterans Affairs Canada in support of their event at Central Park on Saturday July 22, 2023, commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Korean War.

1.0 POLICY SECTION

The provision of community grants is aligned with the following Council-adopted policies, plans, and strategies: *Burnaby Economic Development Strategy (2007)*; *Social Sustainability Strategy (2011)*, and the *Corporate Strategic Plan (2017)* that identifies the importance of a sense of belonging, inclusion, and high quality of life.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The Executive Committee of Council, at its Open meeting held on July 5, 2023, received the attached correspondence from Veterans Affairs Canada requesting Council waive the fees for the use of Central Park on Saturday July 22, 2023. Due to the short timeline, the Executive Committee of Council accepted the letter in lieu of a formal grant application.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

Veterans Affairs Canada will host a Commemorative ceremony on Saturday, July 22, 2023, to recognize the 70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice and 60 years of diplomatic relations between Canada and Korea. The ceremony will include Veterans of the Korean War, Korean-Canadian youth, and serve as an opportunity to honour the 516 Canadians who lost their lives in service of this Conflict.

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Successful applicants of the Community Grant program must acknowledge the City's financial assistance on all the program's communications and promotional materials, including brochures, posters, advertisements, websites, news releases, signs, etc.

5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Grants are funded through the Community Grants Program. Current budget allocations and balance remaining as of this report date are detailed below.

Community Grants 2023 Budget		Allocated (As of June 1, 2023)	Balance Remaining
Operating	\$100,000	\$63,000	\$37,000
Programming	\$300,000	\$103,636	\$196,364
Total	\$400,000	\$166,636	\$233,364

On behalf of the Executive Committee of Council,

Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Chair

Councillor Richard T. Lee, Vice Chair

ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1 – Veterans Affairs Canada Letter

REPORT CONTRIBUTORS

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29 June 2023

Dear Members of Council:

My name is Donna Twemlow and I am a Program Advisor in the Commemoration Division of Veterans Affairs Canada.

On Saturday 22 July 2023, Veterans Affairs Canada is hosting a Commemorative ceremony to recognize the 70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice and 60 years of diplomatic relations between Canada and Korea.

The ceremony will feature members of the Korean-Canadian youth, as well as Veterans of the Korean War (who will, later that weekend be embarking on a Revisit Korea program – sponsored by the Government of the Republic of Korea). As these Veterans are all in their 90s, it is a wonderful opportunity to honour their service and the 516 Canadians who lost their lives in service of this Conflict.

Our intent is to hold the event at the Korean War Ambassador for Peace monument located in Burnaby's Central Park. The event itself will run from 10:00 to approximately 11:00, and we will need to commence set up at roughly 8:00am. The event WILL be open to the public, and we believe will be deeply meaningful to the participants and citizens of Burnaby and surrounds. Among our VIP invited guestlist will be Senator Yonah Martin, representatives from the Consul General of Korea, MPs, MLAs, the Mayor of Burnaby, City Councillors as well as members of the Canadian Armed Forces and members of the Korean-Canadian Community. We anticipate that members of the media will be present to capture the event.

We respectfully request Council to wave the access fees for the site for this event which will be a memorable and meaningful opportunity to honour Canada's Veteran community.

Thank you kindly for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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