

REPORT  
Regular Council Meeting  
1989 October 23

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

GRANTS AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND ALDERMEN

MADAM/GENTLEMEN:

REPORT OF THE GRANTS AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Grants and Publicity Committee was held on 1989 October 16 to consider the following grant applications and submit the following majority recommendations for Council's approval:

30/89 BURNABY MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a grant in the amount of \$500 be awarded to the Burnaby MS Support Group for 1989.

REPORT

The Burnaby MS Support Group is a locally based organization who assist those citizens afflicted with Multiple Sclerosis. The group is requesting a grant of \$500 which would defray the costs of the group's monthly meetings, the costs involved in transporting members to the meetings as well as to other outings sponsored by the Support Group. The group will support and help any person with Multiple Sclerosis living in Burnaby.

Burnaby Council supported this group in 1988 by awarding them with a \$500 grant and would recommend the same for this year.

35/89 G.V.R.D. REGIONAL FUNDING OF CULTURE PROPOSAL

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council advise the Greater Vancouver Regional District that Burnaby is willing to participate in the Regional Funding for Culture program only on the basis of mandatory participation of all G.V.R.D. member municipalities.
2. THAT the G.V.R.D. be requested to give consideration to establishing a capital endowment fund as part of the Regional Funding of Culture program.

REPORT

On 1989 May 08 Council heard a delegation representing the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and the Vancouver Opera requesting Burnaby's participation in a Regional Funding for Culture program. The delegation advised the G.V.R.D.'s proposal was for voluntary participation in a regional funding program to be based on a rate of 25 cents per capita. Arising from Council's discussion of this request the matter was referred to the Grants and Publicity Committee for further consideration.

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The Grants and Publicity Committee wish to advise that it supports the concept proposed by the G.V.R.D. for a regional cultural funding program; however it would recommend that participation in the program be mandatory for all member municipalities and that the G.V.R.D. obtain the necessary authority to do this. The Grants Committee further recommend that a capital endowment fund be established which will form the core of the program and provide the source for future cultural funding.

The Committee also feels that it is premature to decide the amount of money per capita to be levied and should be considered further once the matter of participation is settled.

42/89

ETERNITY CLUB

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT this grant application be denied.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1989 July 10 Council received a report from the Grants Committee on the application for funding by Eternity Club. At that time the Grants and Publicity Committee had recommended that the grant be denied; however Council referred the application back to the Grants Committee after receiving additional information on the application.

The Grants and Publicity Committee, after re-consideration of the application, is still of the opinion that this request for financial assistance does not fall within the guidelines of the Grants and Publicity Committee and should, therefore, be denied.

55/89

JUMPSTART PERFORMANCE SOCIETY

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT a grant in the amount of \$2,000 be awarded to JumpStart Performance Society.

REPORT

Council, at the regular Council Meeting held 1989 October 02, received a presentation from Mr. Michael R. Harding, General Manager, JumpStart Performance Society, requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$5,000, to assist with operating expenditures in 1990 for the JumpStart Program. Council referred this request to the Grants and Publicity Committee for consideration.

JumpStart has been in residence at the Burnaby Arts Centre for four years and is Burnaby's only resident professional performing arts company. While maintaining its involvement with the local community JumpStart has recently achieved recognition for its work at both national and international levels and are actively promoting Burnaby as a supportive and enriching producer of arts and culture.

It is the opinion of your Committee that JumpStart is making a unique contribution to Burnaby's cultural life and are deserving of the Burnaby's financial assistance. Last year Burnaby Council, through the Parks and Recreation Commission, awarded JumpStart an emergency grant of \$2,000. The Grants and Publicity Committee recommend that a grant in the same amount be awarded this year.

45/89

MS. DEBBY BONDI

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT this grant application be denied.

REPORT

An application was received from Ms. Debby Bondi, a grade ten student from Burnaby North Secondary, requesting financial assistance with the costs associated with a program called "Encounters in Canada". This program allows students with common interests to meet in Ottawa for a week of sharing experiences and common goals.

It is the opinion of the Grants Committee that this request does not fall within Council's guidelines for awarding grants and, therefore, recommends it be denied.

46/89

BURNABY LAKEVIEW PRESCHOOL ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this grant application be denied.

REPORT

An application has been received from the Burnaby Lakeview Preschool Association for financial assistance in purchasing and setting up a portable classroom to be used both as a preschool and a before/after school daycare centre.

Earlier this year the parents of children who would be attending the preschool at Lakeview Elementary were informed that due to increased enrollment within the school there would be no space for operating the preschool. As a result the Preschool Association have undertaken to purchase a self-contained portable classroom to be situated on the grounds of Lakeview Elementary School. In addition to housing the preschool it is intended to also utilize the space for operation of a before/after school daycare facility. The Lakeview Preschool Association have requested a grant in the amount of \$5,500 from Burnaby Council towards this project.

It is the opinion of the Grants and Publicity Committee that funding preschool operations does not fall within the Council's guidelines for awarding grants. The Committee appreciates the dilemma facing the Preschool Association in providing funds for this facility, however, since grant applications from three preschool and daycare organizations have already been denied this year it cannot recommend exception for this application.

The Grants and Publicity Committee, therefore, recommend that this application be denied.

46/89

MS. SHARON TANG

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this grant application be denied.

REPORT

A grant application was received from Ms. Sharon Tang, a grade 12 student from Burnaby North Senior Secondary, who took part in the B.C. Youth Development Tour to Africa this summer. Ms. Tang is one of 11 students from the Lower Mainland chosen to participate in a five week development, educational and cultural tour of Africa offered by the United Nations Association in Canada. Each member of this group was asked to raise \$1,400 from his or her school or community. Ms. Tang is asking Burnaby Council for a grant of \$100.

It is the opinion of the Grants Committee that this request does not fall within Council's guidelines for awarding grants and, therefore, recommends it be denied.

46/89

WESBURN FAST TRAC MANAGEMENT (GIRLS UNDER  
16 METRO SOCCER TEAM)RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a grant of \$1,500 be awarded to Wesburn Fast Trac Management (Girls Under 16 Metro Soccer Team) for travel expenses associated with attending the Canadian Championships.

REPORT

An application was received from the Manager of the Wesburn Fast Trac Management (Girls under 16 Metro Soccer team) advising that this team had won the Provincial title and would be representing British Columbia in the Canadian Championships. The Championships took place in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia on 1989 October 06 to 09. The grant request is for assistance with expenses associated with travelling to the National Championships.

It is the opinion of this Committee that \$100 per athlete, for a total of \$1,500, be awarded to the Wesburn Fast Trac Management Team in 1989.

49/89

STRATFORD GARDENS SENIORS ASSOCIATIONRECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a grant in the amount of \$1.80 per person be awarded to the Stratford Gardens Seniors Association to assist with costs associated with its 1989 Christmas dinner.
2. THAT all other 1989 Christmas dinner grant applications from seniors organizations be processed by the Municipal Clerk's office with grants being awarded in the amount of \$1.80 per person.

REPORT

A letter of application has been received from the Stratford Gardens Seniors Association requesting financial assistance in holding its annual Christmas dinner.

Annually, Council has provided a grant to Burnaby senior citizens groups to assist in holding Christmas dinners for members. In the past three years Council has approved the following grants: 1986 - \$1.65; 1987 - \$1.70; 1988 - \$1.75 per person.

Your Committee has taken into consideration a possible increase in the cost of providing these dinners to our citizens and would recommend that the grant for 1989 be increased to \$1.80 per person.

The Grants and Publicity Committee would further recommend that all other 1989 applications from senior citizen's organizations be processed by the Municipal Clerk's office.

50/89

THE KOREA VETERANS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADARECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a grant of \$1.80 per person be awarded to Unit 14, The Korea Veterans' Association to assist with costs associated with its 1989 Christmas dinner.

REPORT

An application was received from The Korea Veterans' Association of Canada, Burnaby Chapter, requesting financial assistance in hosting its 1989 Christmas dinner. This year the Veterans' Association, in addition to its own membership, are inviting ambulatory veterans in George Derby Hospital to take part in the annual Christmas dinner.

It is the opinion of the Grants Committee that, although not all members of this association are senior citizens, a large portion of the group are seniors as well as being deserving war veterans and are eligible for receiving Council's funding for this event. It is recommended, therefore, that the Korea Veterans' Association receive a grant of \$1.80 per person for its 1989 Christmas dinner.

51/89 CLIFF AVENUE UNITED GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a grant of \$1,500 be awarded to Cliff Avenue United Girls Soccer Team for travel expenses associated with attending the Canadian Championships.

REPORT

An application was received from the Cliff Avenue United Girls Soccer Team advising that the team had won the Provincial title and would be representing British Columbia in the Canadian Championships. The Championships took place in Ottawa, Ontario on the Thanksgiving weekend. The grant request is for assistance with expenses associated with travelling to the National Championships.

It is the opinion of this Committee that \$100 per athlete, for a total of \$1,500, be awarded to the Cliff Avenue United Soccer Team in 1989.

52/89 CHILLIWACK CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS SOCIETY

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this grant application be denied.

REPORT

A letter was received from the Co-Chairperson of the Chilliwack Child Abuse Awareness Society advising of the "Child Abuse Awareness Tour 89" which passed through Burnaby in September. The "Child Abuse Awareness Tour" is being undertaken by a wheelchair-bound father of two from Chilliwack who is planning to cross Canada in an effort to increase understanding and recognition of child abuse in every community as well as raising funds to finance treatment and prevention centers, educational programs and support groups. In addition to requesting funds for the tour itself this letter is requesting Burnaby's help in establishing a fund raising committee and promoting community awareness of child abuse.

It is the opinion of the Grants and Publicity Committee that this request does not fall within the guidelines of Council for awarding grants and should be denied.

53/89 BURNABY CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a grant of \$1,600 be awarded the Burnaby Canoe and Kayak Club for travel expenses associated with attending the Western Canadian Championships.

REPORT

An application was received from the Burnaby Canoe and Kayak Club requesting financial assistance for attending the Western Canadian Championships at Glenmore Lake, Calgary, Alberta.

It is the opinion of your Committee that \$100 per athlete, for a total of \$1,600, be awarded to the Burnaby Canoe and Kayak Club for costs associated with competing in the Western Canadian Championships.

54/89

B.C. SOCIETY FOR HUMAN/ANIMAL INTERACTION

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this grant application be denied.

REPORT

An application for financial assistance has been received from B.C. Interact, the B.C. Society for Human/Animal Interaction. Interact is a non-profit society originally established under the name B.C. Pets and Friends Society as a pet visitation program by the B.C. S.P.C.A. The overall objective of the program is to improve the quality of life for those seniors who are residing in long term care facilities or hospitals through interaction with animals.

The need for and use of the Interact program has grown tremendously in the last year, particularly in Burnaby, and since a significant portion (85%) of the services provided by Interact is conducted by volunteers, funds are required for recruitment, training and placement of these individuals. Interact is requesting a grant of \$5,000 to enable them to train and place 35 volunteers.

After due consideration of this application the Grants Committee would recommend that, because it does not fall with the guidelines set out for awarding grant funds, it be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

Alderman D.R. Corrigan  
Member

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