

SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY METHAMPHETAMINE RESPONSE FUNDING PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council write a letter to the UBCM in support of the Community Methamphetamine Response Funding Program Application submitted by Charlford House Society for Women and Acorn New Media.

REPORT

At the Social Issues Committee Open meeting held on 2006 May 16, Ms. Trish La Nauze, Charlford House Society for Women, and Ms. Beth Miller, Acorn New Media, appeared as a delegation to advise that they are submitting a Community Methamphetamine Response Funding Program Application to the UBCM. This program was established to provide communities with resources to respond to local concerns around methamphetamine use and/or production. Its purpose is to support programming that will address the use and production of methamphetamine in the community. Its objective is to encourage development of awareness raising and educational strategies, and/or to build capacity for a community response to the issue.

The delegation noted that their application is requesting funding to produce a 20 minute drug prevention film titled "Letter to Myself". The video will tell the story of a young woman and her struggle to recover from Crystal Meth addiction.

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From: Social Issues Committee
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The delegation concluded their presentation by requesting a letter of support for their application. They noted that, while community organizations are eligible to apply for funding through the program, letters of endorsement from municipal councils are required before applications can be approved.

Arising from discussion, the Social Issues Committee requested that Council write a letter of support to the UBCM for the Community Methamphetamine Response Funding Program Application submitted by Charlford House Society for Women and Acorn New Media.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

Councillor Dan Johnston
Vice Chair

Councillor Garth Evans
Member