

**PRESENT:** Councillor Chesney, Chairperson  
Councillor Johanson  
Councillor Trevelyan

**STAFF:** C. Ponzini, Director of Financial Services  
E. Stepura, Director of Recreation and Culture  
E. Keurvorst, Manager of Cultural Services  
S. Lam, Deputy Corporate Officer

Press: 0

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The City of White Rock is committed to the health and safety of our community. In keeping with Ministerial Order No. M083 from the Province of British Columbia, City Council meetings will take place without the public in attendance at this time until further notice.

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The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**1. AGENDA APPROVAL**

2020-GIA-001

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT** the Grants-in-Aid committee amends the agenda as follows:

- Replacing pages 3 and 4 of the agenda (revised minutes)
- Withdrawing the application from the “Canadian Walk for Veterans” (Tab 26)

**AND THAT** the Grants-in-Aid agenda for May 11, 2020 be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

a) Grants-In-Aid Sub-Committee Meeting – November 4, 2019

It was noted that the title of the general fund corporate report should be reflected in the resolution.

2020-GIA-002

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT** the Grants-In-Aid Sub-Committee adopts the minutes of the November 4, 2019 meeting as amended.

**CARRIED**

3. **2020 GRANTS-IN-AID**  
Corporate report dated May 11, 2020 from the Director of Financial Services titled "2020 Grants-in-Aid".

The Committee spoke to the process of considering the applications, and clarified the following:

- The Committee will review each application as presented in the package (tab by tab)
- The Committee will note which applications are recommended for funding pending further information (if the event takes place/postponed or cancelled due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic). Staff will address these requirements in the applicant's notification letter
- Recommendations will be brought forward to Council to be ratified at a future meeting

Staff provided the following comments:

- Applications requesting funds for items such as equipment would allow for the purchase to take place this year or they may be used the following year
- Many organizations are not meeting at this time due to the pandemic, it may be difficult to request additional information / clarification on applications if requested by the Committee

**Note:** Chairperson Chesney declared a conflict of interest with respect to the application for Tab 7: Semiahmoo Seniors Planning Table c/o Comfort Keepers as he is on the Board of Directors and exited the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Councillor Johanson assumed the role as Chairperson.

2020-GIA-003

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Grants-in-Aid Sub-Committee recommends that Tab 7: Semiahmoo Seniors Planning Table c/o Comfort Keepers be awarded a Grant-in-Aid in the amount of \$1,000 providing that the service continues to be provided for 2020.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Chesney returned to the meeting at 4:22 p.m. and resumed the role as Chairperson.

The Committee continued their review of the applications. Due to time constraints, the meeting was adjourned (4:43) to be reconvened at 1:00 p.m., May 12, 2020 in the City Hall Council Chambers (the following day).

**The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 with the noted members of the Committee and staff in attendance.**

The Committee noted they would continue to review each application under the General Fund. If it is found that there are not enough monies, the Committee will adjust the amounts accordingly.

Councillor Chesney declared a conflict of interest, as he sits on the Board of Directors for the Holiday Home Tour for Hope, and exited the meeting at 1:24 p.m. Councillor Trevelyan assumed the role of Chairperson.

In response to the Committee's question, staff advised that this organization continues to work towards the December event.

2020-GIA-004

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Grants-in-Aid Sub-Committee recommends that Tab 28 – Holiday Home Tour for Hope be awarded a Grants-in-Aid in the amount of \$2,000 if the event proceeds for 2020.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Chesney returned to the meeting at 1:28 p.m. and resumed the role of Chairperson.

The Committee discussed the following applications, and are not recommending a Grant-in-Aid for 2020:

**Tab 5: Alexandra Neighbourhood House**

The Committee noted that the proposed dates for South Surrey White Rock Repair Café are August 9 and November 1. With these dates approaching (and the planning required prior to that), in conjunction with the event not taking place in White Rock, and that there are a number of applications vs. funds available, the Committee is not recommending a Grant-in-Aid for 2020.

**Tab 15: Peninsula Productions Society**

It was noted that Peninsula Productions Society has cancelled their performance for 2020. As such, the Committee is not recommending a Grant-in-Aid for 2020.

**Tab 16: Rotary Club of Semiahmoo (White Rock)**

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings and physical distancing requirements, and that the proposed dates are for the summer season, the Committee is not recommending a Grant-in-Aid for 2020.

**Tab 17: Surrey Youth Theatre Company (sponsored by Peninsula Arts Foundation)**

It was noted that Peninsula Productions Society has cancelled their performance for 2020. As such, the Committee is not recommending a Grant-in-Aid for 2020.

**Tab 26: Canadian Walk for Veterans – Application withdrawn.**  
 The Canadian Walk for Veterans withdrew their application.

**Tab 35: Together-White Rock**

It was recognized that the application was received past the deadline and that there are more applicants than funds available.

Throughout the deliberations, the Committee noted the following comments:

- It is unlikely to see gatherings of 50 or more people until there is a vaccine for COVID-19
- The restrictions on gatherings, and physical distancing, will be difficult for summer events
- Mass gatherings are defined as events with 250 + individuals and staff noted that the anticipated crowds for summer events is larger than that

The Committee noted that if a grant involving larger attendance is denied due to the COVID-19 gathering / physical distancing restrictions, that it will be referenced as the reason in their notification.

2020-GIA-005

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Grants-In-Aid Sub-Committee receives for information the May 11, 2020 report from the Director of Financial Services titled “2020 Grants-In-Aid”; and

THAT the Grants-in-Aid Sub-Committee recommends Council approve the following Grants-in-Aid for 2020:

The following Grants-in-Aid to be awarded as **outlined in the application:**

| <b>Tab/<br/>Reference #</b> | <b>Applicant</b>   | <b>Recommended<br/>Grant-in-Aid</b> |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>5</b>                    | Tab 5: Alexandra<br>Neighbourhood House  | \$0                                 |
| <b>6</b>                    | Avalon Women's Centre<br>White Rock  | \$1,500                             |
| <b>7</b>                    | Peace Arch Hospice<br>Society  | \$1,000                             |
| <b>14</b>                   | Peninsula Arts Foundation  | \$1,500                             |
| <b>15</b>                   | Peninsula Productions<br>Society   | \$0                                 |
| <b>16</b>                   | Rotary Club of<br>Semiahmoo (White Rock)                                       | \$0                                 |
| <b>17</b>                   | Surrey Youth Theatre<br>Company (sponsored by<br>Peninsula Arts<br>Foundation) | \$0                                 |

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| 18 | White Rock Community<br>Orchestral Society                          | \$1,000 |
| 20 | White Rock Players' Club  | \$1,800 |
| 21 | White Rock Social Justice<br>Film Society                           | \$750   |
| 23 | Air Cadet League of<br>Canada, 907 Squadron<br>Sponsoring Committee | \$1,000 |
| 24 | White Rock Lawn<br>Bowling Club                                     | \$1,650 |
| 25 | BC Pets and Friends   | \$1,000 |
| 27 | Critter Care Wildlife<br>Society                                    | \$750   |
| 29 | Semiahmoo Peninsula<br>Marine Rescue Society                        | \$2,000 |
| 30 | The Canadian Red Cross<br>Society                                   | \$1,000 |
| 35 | Together, White Rock  | \$0     |

The following Grants-in-Aid to be awarded be awarded **pending confirmation that their event takes place, as proposed, in 2020:**

| <b>Tab/<br/>Reference #</b> | <b>Applicant</b>  | <b>Recommended<br/>Grant-in-Aid:</b> |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 8                           | Semiahmoo Seniors<br>Planning Table<br>(care of comfort keepers<br>mailing address) | 500                                  |
| 9                           | Volunteer Cancer<br>Drivers Society   | 1,500                                |
| 10                          | White Rock Pride<br>Society   | 1,000                                |
| 11                          | White Rock South<br>Surrey Stroke Recovery<br>Branch                                | 2,000                                |
| 12                          | Christmas on the<br>Peninsula Society   | 2,000                                |
| 13                          | Crescent Beach Pipe<br>Band   | 800                                  |
| 19                          | White Rock Museum &<br>Archives   | 1,000                                |
| 22                          | 2812 RCACC Seaforth<br>Highlanders of Canada  | 500                                  |

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| 28 | Holiday Home Tour for Hope              | 2,000 |
| 31 | CARP - A New Vision of Aging for Canada | 500   |
| 32 | White Rock Polar Bear Swim              | 750   |
| 33 | Earl Marriott Secondary School          | 1,000 |
| 34 | Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society        | 1,000 |

**CARRIED**

**4. 2020 GRANTS-IN-AID | ARTS AND CULTURE EVENTS**

Corporate report dated May 11, 2020 from the Manager of Cultural Development titled "2020 Grants-in-Aid | Arts and Culture Events".

Staff clarified that Tab 1 – Peninsula Productions, is not holding their event for 2020 and therefore the application does not need to be considered (**application withdrawn**).

Discussion continued, and it was suggested that if a grant was awarded to Tab 2 – Semiahmoo Arts Society, that their team work closely with the City IT Department in implementing the database. Staff clarified that this database will be gifted to the City once complete, and maintenance will be the City's responsibility.

With respect to Tab 3 – Surrey Youth Theatre Company, it was clarified that while the event has already taken place, their application for a Grants-in-Aid was submitted prior to that and so the deadline and requirements was met. It was also noted that due to the success of their show, the applicant reduced their funding request from \$1,900 to \$701.

With regards to Tab 4 – White Rock Players' Club, it was noted that the grant reflect \$1,000 per gala, up to five (5) galas within this season. Grants would only be awarded if a gala took place.

General discussion ensued, and staff clarified the following information:

- The City will reach out to the applicants to advise them of Council's decision, noting that monies would not be advanced until the event takes place
- Any monies awarded would be granted based on the original request for all organizations (specifically tied to what is noted in the application)
- There is just over \$9,000 remaining in this fund which could be awarded during the second intake of applications (June 1, 2020 deadline for the second intake)

2020-GIA-006

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT the Grants-in-Aid Committee Sub-Committee:**


1. Receives for information the corporate report dated May 11, 2020 from the Manager of Cultural Development titled "2020 Grants-in-Aid | Arts and Culture Events"; and
2. Recommends that Council award the following 2020 Arts and Culture events allocation of grant funding:

| Tab/<br>Reference<br># | ARTS                         | Recommended Grant-in-Aid   |
|------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 2                      | Semiahmoo Arts Society       | \$5,000  |
| 3                      | Surrey Youth Theater Company | \$701  |
| 4                      | White Rock Players' Club     | \$1,000 per gala, up to five (5) galas (\$5,000 max) if the event takes place. |

**CARRIED**

5. **CONCLUSION OF THE MAY 11 & 12, 2020 GRANTS-IN-AID SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 2:21 p.m.



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Councilor Chesney  
Chairperson



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Stephanie Lam  
Deputy Corporate Officer