



COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting – Wednesday, June 16, 2021
7:00 pm - BY MS TEAMS

Members: Rebecca Ferguson
Cathy Harvey
Maxwell Lai (Vice Chair)
Constantine McQuade
Victor Schwartzman
Pamela Wilkinson
Donna Zwickel

Regrets: Ashraf Amlani (Chair)
Meggie Hou
CS Kim
Ellison Mallin
Stephane Perrais

Guests: Elio Iorio, Manager, Financial Services

Staff: Eirikka Brandson, Social Planner
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk

1. Welcome

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by Rebecca Ferguson and seconded by Max Lai
To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the Minutes

MOVED by Rebecca Ferguson and seconded by Constantine McQuade
To adopt the May 19, 2021 minutes.

CARRIED

4. Permissive Tax Exemptions – Applications

Mr. Elio Iorio, Manager, Financial Services provided an overview on the guidelines for granting Permissive Tax Exemptions as outlined in Section 224 of the Community Charter and in the DNV Council Policy – Taxation Exemption by Council Guidelines.

Section 224 of the Community Charter gives Council authority to exempt land and/or improvements from municipal property taxes. PTE's may be considered for applications that qualify under Section 224(2)(a) to (K) of the Community Charter.

The following application was reviewed by the Committee:

- Canadian Mental Health Association North and West Vancouver Association –
5415 Molina Crescent

MOVED by Constantine McQuade and seconded by Cathy Harvey

That the Community Services Advisory Committee recommends to grant Permissive Tax Exemption to Canadian Mental Health Association North and West Vancouver Association – 5415 Molina Crescent.

CARRIED

5. Any Other Business

(a) Accountability Forms

There was a discussion with respect to the Accountability Forms and that for this year, some organizations did not include the accompanying financial statement information. It was noted that although staff follow up with organizations not all information is received. In terms of process, members were reminded that time is devoted at every meeting for a status update on the review of the Accountability Forms, and to continue to advise staff if there are some issues with the Accountability Forms that require follow up.

(b) Recommendation to Council

The following proposed motion was drafted by a Committee member and presented at the meeting for review and discussion.

THAT: the budget for Community Service Grants be updated taking into consideration:

- population growth;
- social trends;
- urgent and unmet social needs in the community;
- the amount of the budget shortfall, in each of the past five years, to fulfill the grants recommended by the Community Service Advisory Committee; and
- Increases over the past five years in the number of applications from non-profit organizations to provide social services to residents of the District of North Vancouver.

AND THAT: the Community Services Committee and subject experts in the community be consulted in the review of social trends and needs in the communities of the District of North Vancouver.

In addition, it was suggested the proposed motion include wording that the District actively recruit, as members to the Committee, one or two 'experts' from, for example, Capilano University. Having such knowledgeable individuals on the Committee would greatly assist in the discussions and that the expertise would be very useful.

On discussion, members indicated some discomfort in putting the motion forward as they had not had sufficient time for consideration of the motion and to be prepared to make a decision. As well, members indicated that although there was quorum in terms

of attendance, this type of motion required all Committee members in attendance to ensure a more fulsome discussion and that the absent members should have a voice in terms of consideration of the motion. In this regard, it was suggested that the motion be postponed to the September meeting and that all Committee members be encouraged to attend the meeting.

6. Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 15th, 2021

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

District Vision Statement

Our goal is to be recognized among the most sustainable communities in the world as demonstrated through our environmental stewardship, strong network of neighbourhoods, a vibrant economy and community-driven growth and change.