



Meeting of the North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission

**Thursday, April 23, 2020, 3:30 pm
Virtual Meeting**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Commissioner David Porter
Commissioner Franci Stratton
Commissioner Holly Back
Commissioner Megan Curren
Commissioner Cyndi Gerlach
Commissioner Angela Girard
Commissioner Colleen Gray-Hewett
Commissioner Cheryl Leia
Commissioner Brian Lynch
Commissioner Lisa Muri

Staff: Heather Turner, Director of Recreation & Culture
Jennifer Wilson, Manager, Recreation & Culture Services
John Rice, Cultural Services Officer
Veronica Labrosse, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Commissioner Bernice Timmer

I. Call to Order

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Gray-Hewett; **seconded** by Commissioner Back

THAT the meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

III. Adoption of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Girard; **seconded** by Commissioner Back

THAT the minutes of the meeting of January 30, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

IV. Items for Discussion/Decision

a) 2020 Arts & Culture Grants – Operating Assistance

Chair Porter took over chairing the meeting. He reminded Commissioners that this report comes to them for consideration following deliberation by the Arts & Culture Grants Review Committee. Commissioner Leia (the non-voting Commissioner Committee member) spoke to the review process and current considerations.

Staff highlighted additions to this report from the previous one and also spoke to the recommendation that a few grants be approved for two years rather than one year to allow the groups sufficient time to address concerns and suggestions made by the Committee. The impact of COVID-19 on these organizations was recognized and discussion occurred regarding actions if groups cannot fulfill what they planned due to the pandemic.

Following a Commissioner question regarding the public nature of the report, Director Turner provided background information that informed the current process.

Commissioner Curren commented that she had expressed a desire for a focus on diversity and inclusivity in the Arts & Culture Grants program; she asked Director Turner to explain the process required to update the criteria. Director Turner replied that changes in priority would require guideline or policy revisions, and would need to be applied to future year grants. If a policy change is desired, it would require approval from both Councils. Staff can outline the process and bring this back to the Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Muri; **seconded** by Commissioner Curren

THAT the Commission approve payment of Operating Assistance grants totaling \$655,500 to support seven organizations as outlined in this report.

Carried

b) Sport and Recreation Travel Grant Applications

Moved by Commissioner Muri; **seconded** by Commissioner Leia

THAT the Commission approve an individual Sport and Recreation Travel Grant in the amount of \$200 for Tamika Shaw in support of her participation in the 2020 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games;

AND THAT the Commission approve a team Sport and Recreation Travel Grant in the amount of \$1,000 for ten members of the Team BC Floor Hockey Team who qualified for the 2020 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games.

Carried

c) Designation of the New Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Head

Moved by Commissioner Muri; **seconded** by Commissioner Stratton

THAT the Commission approve the designation of Anne Rodgers, Communications Coordinator, as the new Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Head for the North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission.

Carried

V. Other Business

Following comments and a question from Commissioner Gerlach on access to City and District parks and playgrounds, Director Turner stated that she and Management staff are in conversation with the City and District, as well as West Vancouver and the School District.

Director Turner indicated that she will email the Commissioners regarding decisions made on summer programming, events and indoor rentals.

VI. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Curren; **seconded** by Commissioner Muri

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Carried

Approved:

Recorded by:

David Porter, Chair

Veronica Labrosse, Executive Assistant

Date