



**VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE
NORTH VANCOUVER RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION**

Thursday, June 24, 2021, 5:30 pm

(Zoom link to be provided)

MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of the Agenda**
- III. Adoption of the Minutes of the Last Meeting** Attachment
- IV. Director's Report** Attachment
- V. Items for Information**
 - a) Customer Experience Initiative Presentation
 - b) Lions Gate Community Recreation Centre Update Attachment
- VI. Items for Discussion/Decision**
 - a) 2021 Arts & Culture Grants Attachments
- VII. Other Business**
 - a) Report from School District #44
- VIII. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is Thursday, September, 16, 2021 at 5:30 pm.
- IX. Adjournment**



Virtual Meeting of the North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission

Thursday, May 20, 2021, 5:30 pm

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Commissioner Franci Stratton (Chair)
Commissioner Herman Mah (Vice-Chair)
Commissioner Holly Back
Commissioner Mary Carmichael
Commissioner Betty Forbes
Commissioner Cyndi Gerlach
Commissioner Angela Girard
Commissioner John Moore
Commissioner Lisa Muri
Commissioner Kate Smyth
Commissioner Dave Wilson

Staff: Heather Turner, Director of Recreation & Culture
Jennifer Wilson, Manager, Recreation & Culture Services
Howard Kiang, Manager, Maintenance & Engineering Services
Karen Bickford, Section Manager, Finance
Anne Rodgers, Section Manager, Communications, Marketing & Special Initiatives
Veronica Labrosse, Executive Assistant

I. Call to Order

Chair Stratton called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Stratton asked for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Girard asked that two items be added in VII. Other Business:

- i. Notices of Motion approved at the May 10, 2021 City Council Meeting
- ii. Update on the Strategic Planning Process

Moved by Commissioner Back; **seconded** by Commissioner Muri

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

III. Adoption of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

THAT the minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting be adopted.

Carried

IV. Director's Report

Director Turner highlighted items in the report and asked Anne Rodgers, Section Manager, Communications, Marketing & Special Initiatives to provide details on a few items.

Following a question from Chair Stratton on current restrictions and their impact on services, Director Turner advised the Commission that they will continue to be updated as service levels are adjusted.

Commissioner Carmichael asked about the customer experience program. A. Rodgers spoke to the program's current efforts. Director Turner added that specific goals (identified through surveys) are assessed every year. Staff are being encouraged to shift from viewing this as a "program" to having customer experience at the core of their work. Staff will present an update at a future meeting.

V. Items for Information

a) BCRPA Symposium Feedback

Commissioners Wilson and Carmichael provided their feedback on the sessions they attended, and thanked the Commission for the opportunity to attend. J. Wilson, Manager of Recreation & Culture Services, provided feedback from the staff perspective.

VI. Items for Discussion/Decision

a) 2021 Arts & Culture Grants

Director Turner spoke to the report and the goal to encourage new initiatives and applications; several of the programs described in the report focus on diversity and inclusivity, and target audiences who are potentially underserved.

Director Turner advised that recommendations on late applicants will be brought to a future Commission meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Carmichael; **seconded** by Commissioner Back

THAT the Commission approve Arts & Culture grants in the amount of \$98,750 including \$79,250 in Programming & Project Assistance Grants and \$19,500 in Celebrations & Events Grants as outlined in this report;

AND THAT the Commission approve a Community Public Art grant of \$5,300 from the District of North Vancouver's public art fund to support the creation of a mural in Deep Cove.

Carried

Director Turner thanked Commissioner Moore for his participation on the Arts & Culture Grants Review Committee.

VII. Other Business

a) Report from School District #44

Commissioner Gerlach provided her report, including information on the collaborative work by the School District and North Shore Rescue in creating a short interactive video on outdoor preparedness. Commissioner Muri asked if the video can be shared and posted on NVRC's website; Commissioner Gerlach advised she will share the link.

b) Notices of Motion from the May 10, 2021 City Council Meeting

Commissioner Girard asked that it be included in the minutes that the following approved Notices of Motion were circulated to the Commission for their information:

- i. City of North Vancouver After School Program Initiative
- ii. Naming of the Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre Arena

c) Update on the Strategic Planning Process

Director Turner advised that process options are being further considered and will be discussed with the Policy & Planning Committee in the fall.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Thursday, June 24 at 5:30 pm.

VIII. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Muri; **seconded** by Commissioner Back

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Carried

Approved:

Recorded by:

Franci Stratton, Chair

Veronica Labrosse, Executive Assistant

Date

Unadopted

Commission Meeting Date:

June 24, 2021

Subject: Director's Report

Proactively Respond to Recreation and Culture Needs

- BC's Restart Plan was announced on May 28.
 - In response to Step 1:
 - NVRC moved some of its low-intensity fitness programs indoors and added indoor youth circuit training. Outdoor classes continue with some having the option to now move indoors due to inclement weather.
 - High-intensity fitness classes remain outdoors.
 - Indoor adult art classes (music, visual arts, pottery and woodworking) resumed.
 - Outdoor Youth Centres have been established in the Lynn Valley and City neighbourhoods.
 - Since then, staff have prepared a restart plan for programs aligned with the four steps and timeframes outlined in BC's Restart Plan. Considerations include:
 - Indoor space reconfigurations; updating safety plans; recruitment and training of staff; updating the program registration software; and developing effective communication tools to ensure customers are aware of what to expect as restrictions are gradually relaxed; and
 - Capacity to concurrently manage indoor programs and an expanded suite of outdoor programs.
 - Communication regarding program additions, capacity increases and rental options for Steps 3 and 4 will be provided to the Commission, customers, City and District of North Vancouver and the public as details are finalized.
- Harry Jerome, Memorial and Mickey McDougall Community Recreation Centres Closure Plan: in preparation for the closure of these three facilities at the end of December, 2021, the following is underway:
 - Staff have identified programs that are in highest demand, have identified potential options for relocation to other NVRC-operated facilities and other community facilities and have begun discussions with a number of agencies and organizations regarding possible relocation.
 - The process to determine the impact on staff is well underway; the goal is to reassign as many regular full-time and regular part-time staff as possible to fill vacancies and needs in other facilities.

- All groups that lease or regularly rent space in these facilities have been advised in writing that they must be out of the facility, along with all of their equipment and supplies no later than December 31, 2021. Staff are working with these organizations and businesses regarding the timing and process for them to vacate by the end of the year.
- Staff have begun to assess how allocations of space in other NVRC-operated facilities, particularly aquatic and arena spaces, will be managed in order to maximize utilization and balance public service and group activities.
- The arduous process to assess each piece of equipment and every program supply as to whether or not it should be kept (either used elsewhere or stored), recycled/donated or disposed of is underway. There are thousands of items that range from an ice resurfacer that is near the end of its life, to skates, helmets and lifejackets, to preschool program supplies, fitness equipment, tables and chairs, etc.; some that can be stored and used in the new Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre (CRC), and some that would be unreasonable to store for four years. Arrangements need to be made to move, donate, recycle or discard all items within a short timeframe at year-end.
- The power and internet service for Centennial Theatre is located in the existing Harry Jerome CRC and staff are working on reasonable, temporary options to ensure that the theatre can be operational later this fall when reopening occurs.
- An information report will be prepared with further details on the closure plan for distribution to the Commission, City Council and others as appropriate in the next few months.

Optimizing Human, Fiscal and Physical Resources and Systems

- NVRC launched its Anti-racism and Anti-discrimination Initiative on June 3 with the first staff education workshop for exempt staff and members of the steering committee. Additional workshops for staff and Commissioners will take place in later summer/early fall. The organization audit has begun to assess current attitudes, knowledge, experience, practices and policies related to oppression and inclusion within NVRC. The audit will include a staff survey, focus groups and a review of documents. Both the workshops and audit are being conducted by Bakau Consulting, a leading Equity, Diversity and Inclusion company.
- We have re-introduced the “My Program Guide” tool on nvrc.ca which enables customers to create a customized, printable PDF of the programs that interest them. The tool is intended for customers to use when researching their choices and planning their or their families’ schedules. Customers can specify the age of the participant and choose to only see programs with spots available. The website also features the recently enhanced “Find-a-Program/Book-a-Visit” tool that enables customers to quickly search for the programs or “Book-a-Visit” they are looking for by type of activity, date, time, age and location.

- During the pandemic, NVRC has not published seasonal Leisure Guides due to the significant changes in programs and services and the uncertainty that the pandemic caused. Staff have reviewed the effectiveness of printed materials in light of the increased use of digital communication channels and also consulted with plans and decisions of other municipal service providers. This resulted in a decision to stop producing printed Leisure Guides. Staff will be working to identify gaps and explore strategies to reach the hard-to-reach and help staff and customers adapt to the change. Communication and consultation with service partners about this change will also take place shortly.
- Centennial Theatre customers in the future will be able to benefit from expansion of the existing liquor license to the auditorium and the patio. Previously, ticketholders were required to stay in the lobby area (the only licensed area) to consume alcoholic beverages. Expansion of the licensed area will enhance the overall theatre experience and will be a welcome addition when theatre services resume.

Extend our Effectiveness through Collaboration

- NVRC is developing opportunities and experiences for staff to learn more about Indigenous history, Indigenous relations and local Coast Salish Peoples: the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and sə̓l̓l̓wətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. Thanks to an introduction from Commissioner Gerlach, NVRC staff met with North Vancouver School District Superintendent Mark Pearmain who connected us to Tsonomot (Brad) Baker, Squamish Nation member and District Principal for Safe and Caring Schools and Aboriginal Education. Tsonomot met with 68 NVRC staff online on June 14 and presented a powerful education seminar on First Nations history including residential schools, the Indian Act, his own experience growing up in Eslhá7an (Ustlawn) Village in North Vancouver and his career in education.
- NVRC is supporting opportunities for youth to improve their fitness and wellbeing through an Active Living Program; a partnership with Kenneth Gordon Maplewood School that launched a few years ago. The program allows students to meet at Ron Andrews Community Recreation Centre every Thursday at 8:30 am and start their day with a supervised workout, which earns them course credits. Grade 12 student Rhys said, "This program has helped me with life. I feel better overall and I can focus better at school. The workouts have also helped me stay in shape during COVID when there is nothing else to do." The full story is on NVRC's Active Living Blog which is attached to this report.
- June 21 is the national 25th anniversary of celebrating the heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding achievements of First Nations, Inuit and Metis people. In honour of this day and Indigenous Peoples' History Month, NVRC along with Presentation House Theatre have created cultural sharing workshops (two for youth and two for school-age children) hosted by Elder Sam Seward, Rebecca Duncan and Elder Lisa Lewis. The youth workshops provide tools for health and happiness through the art of weaving, language, art, fishing and lacrosse. In the school-age workshops, participants will experience dance, drumming and

storytelling from Coast Salish Culture and will make a cedar canoe "Honour your Journey" necklace to take home.

- Staff are having preliminary conversations around arts and other Out of School Time (OST) programming in response to the City of North Vancouver Council's motion to create a coordinated after-school program initiative. Using a collaborative process, NVRC is in conversation with North Van Arts, MONOVA and the City Library to increase awareness, minimize barriers and maximize service.
- NVRC and the Canuck Autism Network (CAN) offered Recreation Try-it series in the spring. The program delivery model was reworked to meet COVID-19 safety protocols and to introduce participants to a variety of recreation and culture opportunities that are available at their local community recreation centre. Participants, supported by CAN staff and led by NVRC instructors, enjoyed activities such as singles badminton, art and outdoor fitness. These programs have been well-attended.
- Partner programs between NVRC and the Foundry continued to be offered and reshaped in response to the ongoing changes to Provincial Health Orders. The level of participation has been excellent. The Foundry provides a one-stop approach for young people 12-24 years of age to access mental health care, substance use services, primary care, social services and youth and family peer supports. Participants, supported by the Foundry Rehabilitation Assistant and led by NVRC instructors, enjoyed outdoor fitness, yoga and newly introduced pottery programs.
- In May, staff presented a virtual orientation for new immigrants to understand how to navigate NVRC's website, find program information, set up an account, and register for programs and "Book-a-Visit" sessions. Staff provided important content and shared the presentation screen to create a realistic hands-on experience. This was part of the North Shore Multicultural Society's workshop series to support parents and children within the North Vancouver School District.

Enhance Understanding of the Scope and Impacts of our Services

- 2021 Child Care Legacy Award for Lonsdale Preschool: NVRC recently received a letter and framed certificate (attached) from the Provincial Ministry of Children and Family Development in recognition of four decades of children services provided through Lonsdale Preschool at Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre. The Ministry highlighted the preschool's "valuable contributions to support early care and learning in BC over 40 years".



Heather A. Turner
Director of Recreation & Culture

Kenneth Gordon Maplewood School's Student Active Living Program

This post was written by Michelle P Jun 07, 2021 in [Community](#), [Fitness](#), [Youth](#)



High school students from Kenneth Gordon Maplewood School in North Vancouver are learning lessons for a lifetime during weekly workouts at Ron Andrews Community Recreation Centre. It's all part of the Active Living Program, led by Neil Pinkerton, the school's director of counselling services.

"I think this program is amazing," Neil said. "I have watched the students transform into healthier, happier, more productive people as they experience how exercise improves their physical and emotional wellbeing. They inspire me with their commitment and enthusiasm."

The benefits of fitness

As soon as I met the students I knew exactly what Neil meant. In spite of torrential rain, the teenagers were lined-up outside, fifteen minutes early for their 8:30am fitness session. I chatted with them while we waited to be invited inside. Rhys, a grade 12 student, was more than happy to tell me why he would never miss this weekly workout at Ron Andrews.

"This program has helped me with life," Rhys explained. "I feel better overall and I can focus better at school. The workouts have also helped me stay in shape during COVID when there is nothing else to do."

Rhys plays rugby, football and wrestles, all activities that were suspended during the pandemic. He's not the only student who uses the fitness centre to stay in shape so he can enjoy other sports safely.

"I'm a mountain biker," said Vanya, a grade 11 student. "The workouts help build my cardio and make it easier to handle the wipeouts." He smiled. "They also lift away the stress. I feel happier and healthier now."

This glowing feedback is even more meaningful because it is coming from students whose needs have not been met through other schools or programs. Kenneth Gordon Maplewood School specializes in educating and growing confidence in students with dyslexia and other learning disabilities. The private school focuses on building skills for a lifetime and removing obstacles to learning.

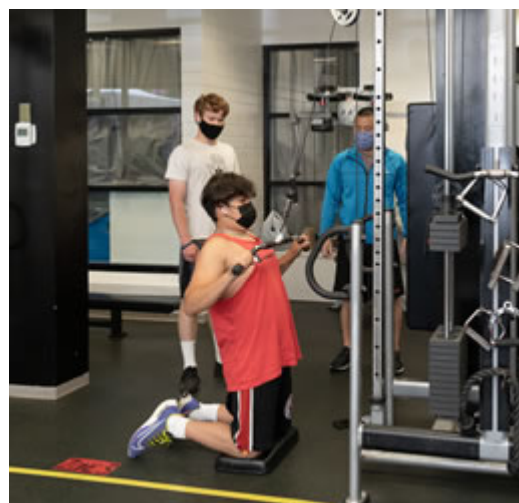


Morning workouts make a difference

The Active Living Program, in partnership with North Vancouver Recreation & Culture, was launched a few years ago as a pilot project for grade 11 and 12 P.E. credit. Neil Pinkerton took the program over in February 2021 and redesigned it as an independent credited course, rather than as part of the regular P.E. program. This year they moved the fitness centre sessions to the morning. That means students meet at Ron Andrews every Thursday at 8:30am and start their day with a workout.

"The morning schedule is working much better," Neil explained. "We've found that it's more challenging to get kids motivated in the afternoon. By starting the day with a workout, the students are experiencing all the benefits of exercise. They love the workout, it gets their blood flowing early. By 9:30am, they have already accomplished something very productive for themselves and they get to see the benefits throughout their school day. There is all kinds of research, both formal and anecdotal to back this up, and we've been hearing about this as a society for many years. But I see the evidence in the students themselves, and they do too. They look healthier and report that they feel better and are more productive when they are in class on Thursdays."

Bryce Martin, Fitness Centre Supervisor at Ron Andrews, shares Neil's enthusiasm for the Active Living Program. He works with the students to make sure they know how to use the equipment and are working out in a safe and healthy way.



“I’ve noticed a big difference since the kids have started coming in the morning instead of after lunch,” Bryce said. “Starting the day with exercise seems to be working really well for them.”

Personal program and accountability



Approximately 12 students participate in the Active Living Program. There is an exercise tracking sheet which the students complete each session, but Bryce explained that they try not to make it too structured.

“Neil and I are here to offer advice and direction if needed, but the students are accountable to themselves and are expected to make the most of the opportunity,” he said. “It’s great to see them arrive in the morning, excited to be here. They are establishing a healthy habit that will serve them well for the rest of their lives. It’s also cool to get them used to coming to a community recreation facility, so they know and experience what is available to them.”

On Tuesdays the program is based at the school, where students can choose an activity that interests them. Neil focuses on core strength and body posture through a warm-up workout but encourages the kids to find what works for them. The goal is for the students to find an activity that they will continue after graduation.

“The students have varied interests,” Neil explained. “One student is a walker, another has chosen skateboarding and, as you heard, Vanya likes to mountain bike. They track their activity – some of which is done during class time, for others, like mountain biking, they do on their own time. The key is finding what works for them.”

Making a difference in students’ lives

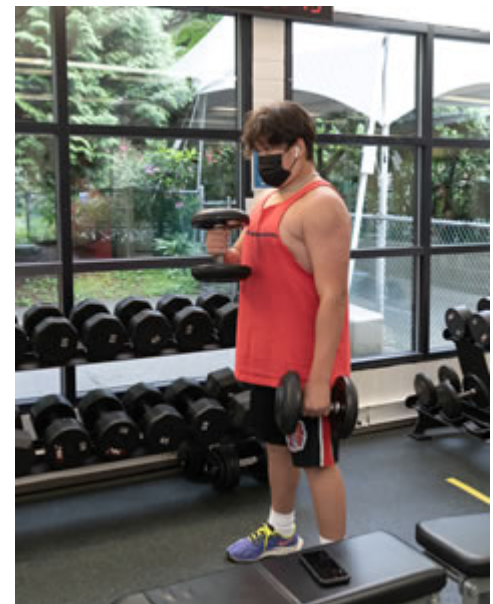
Kyrel was so inspired he built his own home gym. He wakes up early every morning to workout there. Except Thursdays, when he enjoys exercising with his classmates at Ron Andrews.

“I like being here with the others,” Kyrel said. “This program is great. I feel better and find it easier to stay focused in my classes after I’ve worked out.”

Each student has their own program and reasons for staying fit, but they all agree that it’s more fun to workout together at Ron Andrews on Thursday mornings. They offer each other encouragement and benefit from the guidance provided by Neil and Bryce.

“We talk about self-care and the benefits of exercise, but now they are experiencing it,” Neil said. “This program has made a real difference in the lives of these kids. It’s also been a fun and unique way for me to connect with them.”

With only one month left in the school year, the students are already looking forward to participating in the Active Living Program again next year. They also have the skills and commitment to stay active and healthy throughout the summer, and for the rest of their lives.



Michelle Perrault

A North Shore girl at heart, Michelle has fond memories of Saturday night skates at the NVRC ice rink (now Harry Jerome) and swimming lessons at William Griffin (now Delbrook) pool. More recently, she enjoys hiking and biking the trails of Mount Fromme and the Seymour watershed. She lives in Lynn Valley with her two adult children, two dogs and wonderful friends and neighbours.



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May 26, 2021

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Lonsdale Preschool Harry Jerome Complex
123 23rd St E
North Vancouver BC V7L 3E2

Dear Lonsdale Preschool Harry Jerome Complex:

Congratulations! We are delighted to recognize you with a 2021 Child Care Legacy Award for your valuable contributions to support early care and learning in British Columbia. For 40 years, you have played a vital role in guiding children through some of the most important years of their young lives, nurturing them and opening their eyes to the wonders of nature and the world around them.

Your passion and dedication make a real difference every day to families in your community. You have put so many children on the path to long-term success and local families know that their children are safe in your hands.

Child care providers are the heart of the child care system, and we look forward to continuing to work with you on our *Childcare BC* plan, which will give parents throughout the province access to affordable, quality child care. Thank you for all your work in caring for British Columbia's children and their families, and for making our communities better places to live and work.

Sincerely,

Mitzi Dean
Minister of Children and Family Development

Katrina Chen
Minister of State for Child Care

Commission Meeting Date:

June 24, 2021

Report Author: Jennifer Wilson, Manager of Recreation & Culture Services

Subject: Lions Gate Community Recreation Centre Update

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Commission receive this report for information.

BACKGROUND:

The new Lions Gate Community Recreation Centre (LGCRC) is scheduled to open in fall 2021. With many members of the Commission being new, staff is providing general information on the facility operation, facility design, service delivery approach and progress to date.



LGCRC is a District of North Vancouver-owned centre in the Lower Capilano area, operated by the North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission (NVRC). Further details regarding this centre are as follows:

- Address: 1733, Lions Gate Lane (west of Capilano Road, between Curling Road and Fullerton Avenue)
- Size: Approximately 30,900 sq. ft.

- Amenities:
 - Community living room
 - Community kitchen
 - Three multi-purpose spaces for all ages and abilities for recreation, culture, sport, fitness and community services
 - Art space
 - Full-sized gymnasium
 - Boardroom and small meeting room
 - Capilano Community Services Society (CCSS) offices and space for the Red Cross equipment loan program
 - Express library space operated by North Vancouver District Public Library (NVDPL)
 - A few offices for NVRC and community organizations
 - District-owned public plaza with play spaces and outdoor seating
 - Public art installation

- Planned NVRC recreation, sport, and culture services:
 - Visual arts and dance programs
 - Fitness, yoga and other active programs
 - Sport, recreation and social programs
 - Summer camps, birthday parties, etc.
 - Events in the plaza
 - Meetings and community events
 - Cooking classes and community use of community kitchen
 - Gymnasium, multipurpose and community kitchen rentals

DISCUSSION:

LGCRS is an exciting addition to the complement of recreation and culture facilities in the City and District of North Vancouver. It is located within a neighbourhood that has community members who have lived there for years as well as people new to the area. It will be vibrant, pedestrian-oriented and have a strong connection to nature. It has a mix of housing types adjacent to business to serve the local neighbourhood.

Facility Design

The building is designed to provide a community hub, showcase a connection to the outdoors both visually and physically, and have multipurpose spaces that can support different activities throughout the day, days of the week and seasons.

When customers enter the building, they will be greeted by the NVRC's customer experience staff at the reception desk. Also in this central area is the community living room. It features a fireplace and casual furniture to create a welcoming atmosphere that invites people to hang out to meet new friends and neighbours.

Adjacent to the community living room is the Express Library operated by NVDPL, whose services include library programs and books (and a book holding system). Also on the first floor are the multi-purpose spaces (designed with youth, young children/families and seniors in mind) as well as the full-sized gym for sports and community events, and a community kitchen.

A feature stair connects the first floor with the second floor. It has been designed to also provide a stepped seating area to watch movies on a pull-down screen located in the community living room.

The public art piece called “reflective drop” hangs from the second floor ceiling. The sculpture of the drop depicts pictures and patterns visible in the ecosystem of the area. At the top of the landing is the North Vancouver Museum and Archives display.

On the second floor are the community organizations’ offices, staff room and boardroom. There are two additional rooms that will be used for a variety of programs and services.

Facility Operations:

LGCRC is operated by NVRC. Once regular programming and services are established in January, the facility will be open seven days a week and provide early morning programs on weekdays for commuters, and later hours on one weekend evening for youth.

NVRC’s full-time staffing complement is comprised of a Recreation Facility Clerk (complemented by regular part-time cashiers), Programmer, Facility and Program Supervisor and janitorial staff. The Coordinator for the Lower Capilano area oversees this facility as well as the Delbrook Community Recreation Centre (Delbrook CRC). Staffing levels are similar to those at John Braithwaite Community Centre (JBCC) except for the fitness centre staff to support the Fitness Centre at JBCC. Bookings for the centre are administered by NVRC’s Central Booking Office. Janitorial, maintenance and general IT support are also provided by the NVRC. The Commission’s Financial Assistance Program will support those community members with financial barriers and its expertise in the areas of inclusion and access will be a resource to the service providers in LGCRC.

The centre will be the new home for Capilano Community Services Society which is currently located in the north building of the former Delbrook CRC. Their offices will be



located on the second floor. They will primarily provide community services to youth and seniors.

The Red Cross will be moving their medical equipment loan program to the ground floor of the facility to provide easy access for community members from the parkade. The parkade includes 55 stalls designated for the centre.

Other community organizations including North Shore Restorative Justice, North Shore Keep Well Society and Lionsview Seniors Planning Society are leasing office space located on the second floor.

Service Delivery Approach

Programs and services are being designed to improve health and wellness, foster connections in this new and emerging neighbourhood and connect the community with the outdoors and nearby Capilano River. They will be delivered through a collaborative approach which harnesses the strengths and community reach of each service provider (NVRC, DNVPL and CCSS). In addition to collaboration and sharing space, there is an excitement by all service providers to find ways to deliver complementary programs and services. For example, in the community living room there might be a video playing that showcases the river and natural assets and perhaps a self-directed lecture. The library would bring in books related to the river and could host story time featuring stories on the history of the area. NVRC could offer local interpretive walks for youth and arts programs such as painting classes outside. CCSS could offer a family lunch program in the community kitchen and then have lunch together outside.

The NVRC programs being planned are focused on meeting the identified needs of local community residents and to compliment services in other Community Recreation Centres; all of which are open and available to all North Vancouver residents. "Try-It Programs" offered in the fall will be a good test of the future offerings. Staff understand the important community-building role this centre will play; therefore, programs and activities are being designed to foster connections.

Timing/Approval Process:

LGCRC is scheduled to open in the fall of 2021. The furniture, fixtures and equipment are currently being ordered. The final suite of programs is being confirmed now as part of the fall program planning work. It is anticipated that staff will move into the building in September with the facility opening in October. Program offerings will increase after the first few months of operation. As with the opening of Delbrook CRC, NVRC will establish an Ambassador Program with volunteers trained to greet the community when they visit the new centre and provide facility tours.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

If the cost-sharing formula is applied to this Centre as was recommended by the Commission, the District will pay the utility costs for the new centre and all other costs will be shared using the current formula which is 66.06% District and 33.94% City.

CONCURRENCE & COMMUNICATION PLAN:

The District will have a core funding agreement with CCSS as well as formal agreements with the other organizations who have offices in the facility. NVRC is working with the other service providers (CCSS and NVDPL) to develop a “working together document” that will outline how the facility will be operated, strategic planning cycles, key policies and procedures, service planning processes and communication protocols.

Information on the opening of the centre and its related programming will be promoted through NVRC’s usual communication channels, in conjunction with the municipalities and service providers.

CONCLUSION:

The opening of LGCRC in the fall is an exciting milestone. It will provide a wide range of recreation, sport, culture, health, literary and community service opportunities for local residents of the Lower Capilano area as well as residents from across North Vancouver.



Heather A. Turner
Director of Recreation & Culture

Commission Meeting Date:

June 24, 2021

Report Author: Karen Pighin, Cultural Services Supervisor

Subject: 2021 Arts & Culture Grants

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Commission approve Arts & Culture grants in the amount of \$5,585 comprised of \$1,250 in Programming & Project Assistance Grants and \$4,335 in Celebrations & Events Grants as outlined in this report.

BACKGROUND:

This report outlines funding recommendations provided by the Arts & Culture Grants Review Committee. In accordance with policy, the Committee is appointed by the Commission to provide an independent assessment of funding requests submitted to the Arts & Culture Grants program. It consists of volunteer residents with experience and expertise in the arts, cultural programming and the non-profit sector.

At the May 20, 2021 Commission Meeting, it was noted in the Arts & Culture Grants report that two applications were received after the deadline (one from Vancouver Waldorf School Society and one from North Shore Pride Alliance), and Director Turner advised that recommendations on the late applicants would be brought to a future Commission Meeting. As there are funds available and the proposed activities meet funding criteria, this report provides recommendations for these two applications.

DISCUSSION:

The following recommendations are aligned with the evaluation criteria in the Arts & Culture Grants Policy. They reflect the assessed merit and impact of the proposed activities. They also consider the capacity of applicant organizations to deliver those activities in the context of the public gathering and physical distancing restrictions that are required by Provincial Health Orders (PHOs).

Programming & Project Assistance Grants support the delivery of innovative, high-quality programming and services to the residents of North Vancouver. Grants reward creativity, foster innovation and support the emergence of new groups or activities. One grant request falls in this category and in the funding stream of New Initiatives:

Organization <i>Activity or Event</i>	Program/Project Budget	Grant Request	Recommended Grant Award 2021	Grant Award in 2020
<i>New Initiatives Grant</i>				
Vancouver Waldorf School Society ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PILOT PROJECT: <i>Bringing our Shipping Container to Life</i>	\$ 5,550	\$ 1,567	\$ 1,250	N/A First-time applicant

Celebrations & Events Grants support a range of events that enrich quality of life or foster community connections by bringing people together in a celebratory and creative environment. One grant request falls in this category and in the stream of Community Events:

Organization <i>Activity or Event</i>	Program/Project Budget	Grant Request	Recommended Grant Award 2021	Grant Award in 2020
<i>Community Events Grant</i>				
North Shore Pride Alliance <i>NORTH SHORE PRIDE Week 2021</i>	\$ 15,877	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,335	N/A First-time applicant

A detailed "Summary of the Arts & Culture Grants Review Committee's Findings & Recommendations" is appended to this report as Attachment 1.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The 2021 budget for Arts & Culture Grants is \$864,185. Committed or disbursed funding to date in 2021 totals \$858,600 comprised of:

- \$180,750 in Programming & Project Assistance and Celebrations & Events grants;
- \$665,350 in Operating Assistance grants; and
- \$12,500 for Civic Events, including a digital Canada Day celebration and Remembrance Day.

The allocation of the additional \$5,585 will result in full allocation of the approved 2021 grant program budget.

CONCURRENCE & COMMUNICATION PLAN:

Throughout the application process NVRC has reinforced to applicants that funding will only be provided to activities that are in compliance with PHOs. All applicants were asked to consider how they would adapt program delivery in the context of pandemic restrictions. Applications proposing live-audience outdoor events or requiring permits

were forwarded to staff for comment, which then formed part of the Committee's evaluation.

Within five business days of the Commission's approval of the grants, successful applicants will be sent a Notice of Award and will be required to submit a signed Grant Acceptance Form, committing the group to comply with the terms and conditions of the grants program and to use the awarded funds as outlined in their application.

As required by policy, the NVRC informs Councils annually of the organizations, services and initiatives funded through the Arts & Culture Grants program.

POLICY/AUTHORITY:

Councils for the City and District of North Vancouver have delegated authority to approve grants and allocate funding to the NVRC in accordance with the Arts & Culture Grants Policy.

CONCLUSION:

The funding recommended in this report will contribute to the success of the programs, projects, events and festivals being undertaken by the applicant organizations. The grants recommended in this report are consistent with the NVRC's Strategic Plan and with the Official Community Plans for both the City and District of North Vancouver.



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**2021 Arts & Culture Grants
Summary of Grant Requests and Recommendations**

New Initiatives Grants

APPLICANT, Program, Project or Activity	Rank	Program Budget	Grant
<p>1. Vancouver Waldorf School Society – ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PILOT PROJECT: <i>Bringing our Shipping Container to Life</i></p> <p>The Vancouver Waldorf School Society is an independent school with charity status, operating on the North Shore since 1971. The applicant provides education based on the understanding of individual human development that fosters imagination, responsibility and a sense of truth.</p> <p><i>Bringing our Shipping Container to Life</i> aims to create a short-term artist-in-residence program whereby an artist is hired to work with high school students as they participate in designing and creating an artwork on an on-site shipping container that reflects the school community and becomes a beautiful feature of the campus and neighbourhood in Lynn Valley.</p> <p>Covid-19 adaptations: The applicant has an extensive range of protocols in place to ensure that the artist, faculty and students can participate while abiding by safety protocols. There are plans to promote the activity through a school newsletter and social media.</p> <p>Committee comments: The Committee supports this project as it involves an artist-in-residence working with children to beautify an industrial structure.</p> <p>Grant history: This is a first-time grant request for this initiative.</p>	MEDIUM	<p>2021, Projected \$ 5,550</p> <hr/> <p>HISTORY</p> <hr/> <p>N/A</p>	<p>2021, Requested \$ 1,567</p> <p>Recommended \$ 1,250</p> <hr/> <p>HISTORY</p> <hr/> <p>N/A</p>

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Community Events Grants

APPLICANT, Program, Project or Activity	Rank	Program Budget	Grant
<p>2. North Shore Pride Alliance (NSPA) – NORTH SHORE PRIDE WEEK 2021: “Show YOUR Pride”</p> <p>NSPA is a social initiative creating an LGBTQ2S+ inclusive community within North and West Vancouver. Through outreach, advocacy and movement, they aim to unite the diverse population in solidarity to overcome challenges, break down barriers and stereotype, generating a safe, understanding and empowering environment where all have a sense of belonging.</p> <p>North Shore Pride Week 2021 pivoted activities to adhere to current Provincial Health Orders (PHOs). The NSPA will showcase a two-hour virtual variety show via YouTube and Facebook with Instagram highlights. The theme this year is “Show YOUR Pride” to create a community event where photo and video submissions are accepted from neighbours, chosen family, friends, community groups and clubs to join in Pride Week fun with local creative talent. For younger virtual viewers, the organizers will be collaborating with North Vancouver City Library for Pride Story-time. Also planned, on allowance of the PHOs, are in-person Pride activities which are bursts of drag performances and buskers as well as Pride gear give-aways and an LGBTQ2S+ themed game show.</p> <p>Covid-19 adaptations: The applicant has protocols in place to ensure that the artists, volunteers and participants can participate while abiding by safety protocols. There is a plan to present the community event through in-person and online activities, and to reach audiences through digital and social media. In-person activities will move forward according to PHOs.</p> <p>Committee comments: The Committee supports and finds merit in this proposal as it brings the LGBTQ2S+ community together safely with allies in celebration. The Committee finds further merit in a project designed to combat loneliness and isolation, supporting the LGBTQ2S+ community during the pandemic when the need to feel connected and part of a community is at an all-time high. There is also the benefit of increased education and acceptance by the wider community through projects such as this.</p> <p>Grant history: This is a first-time grant request by this applicant. Previously, Pride on the Pier has received funding though this is the first time this group submitted an application as a formalized, organized group and newly-formed Alliance.</p>	HIGH	<p>2021, Projected \$ 15,877</p> <hr/> <p>HISTORY</p> <hr/> <p>N/A</p>	<p>2021, Requested \$ 4,500</p> <p>Recommended \$ 4,335</p> <hr/> <p>HISTORY</p> <hr/> <p>N/A</p>