



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF**

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**HELD THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2024**

**OKANAGAN LAKE ROOM (COUNCIL CHAMBER)**

**PRESENT: VOTING**

Councillor Mund  
Councillor Gares  
Councillor Fehr

**STAFF:** Elma Hamming, Director, Financial Services  
Rena Crosson, Manager, Financial Operations  
Jennifer Pounder, Records / Committee Clerk

**ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

**LAND  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

*As Records / Committee Clerk of the City of Vernon, and in the spirit of this gathering, I recognize the City of Vernon is located in the traditional territory of the Syilx people of the Okanagan Nation.*

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Mund;

THAT the agenda for the May 28, 2024 Finance Committee be adopted as amended:

ADD ITEM FA - ELECTION OF CHAIR

ADD ITEM FB – ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

**CARRIED.**

**ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT Councillor Gares be elected as Chair of the Finance Committee for 2024.

**CARRIED.**

**ELECTION OF VICE-  
CHAIR**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT Councillor Mund be elected as Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee for 2024.

**CARRIED.**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Gares, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the minutes of the April 24, 2024 Finance Committee meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY GRANT – RECIPIENT REPORTING**

The Manager of Financial Operations reviewed the Council Discretionary Grants and recipient reporting requirements.

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council amend the Council Discretionary Grant Policy to request for copies of invoices or receipts with the recipient reporting.

**CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATIONS – APRIL 2024 INTAKE**

The Manager, Financial Operations, provided the Committee with an overview of the applications received.

The Committee reviewed all applications.

*Councillor Fehr declared a conflict of interest with the application from Turning Points Collaborative Society as he works for the organization and left the meeting at 2:33 p.m. while discussions were had.*

*Councillor Fehr returned at 2:35 p.m.*

**ARCHWAY SOCIETY FOR DOMESTIC PEACE**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Archway Society for Domestic Peace in the amount of \$10,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**CAETANI CULTURAL CENTRE SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to the Caetani Cultural

Centre Society in the amount of \$4,530 out of the requested amount of \$12,500 to assist with the expenses associated with the heritage assessment and statement of significance.

**CARRIED.**

**FAMILY RESOURCE  
CENTRE FOR NORTH  
OKANAGAN**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Family Resource Centre for North Okanagan in the amount of \$1,800 out of the requested amount of \$3,800 to fund the table, tent, chairs, retractable banner, staff t-shirts and upgrade materials to hand out

**CARRIED.**

**KALAMALKA  
STARFISH SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Kalamalka Starfish Society in the amount of \$9,000 of the requested amount of \$12,000 to buy groceries.

**CARRIED.**

**NORTH OKANAGAN  
PIPES AND DRUMS**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to North Okanagan Pipes and Drums in the amount of \$5,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**NORTH OKANAGAN  
VALLEY GLEANERS  
SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to North Okanagan Valley Gleaners in the amount of \$6,750 to purchase a professional quality commercial grade upholstery cleaner/steamer/vacuum.

**CARRIED.**

**NORTH OKANAGAN  
VALLEY ORCHESTRA  
SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to North Okanagan Valley Orchestra Society in the amount of \$1,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**OKANAGAN SCREEN  
ARTS SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to the Okanagan Screen Arts Society in the amount of \$2,715 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NO. 22**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to School District No. 22 in the amount of \$4,000 out of the requested \$10,000 to fund the Voices of Vernon World Café costs associated with refreshments and lunch, bussing for students, art and project supplies, and art project development.

**CARRIED.**

**THE GOOD FOOD  
BOX SOCIETY OF  
THE NORTH  
OKANAGAN**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to The Good Food Box Society of the North Okanagan in the amount of \$4,800 out of the requested amount of \$13,200 to support families in the prenatal program for six months.

**CARRIED.**

*Councillor Fehr declared a conflict of interest with the application from Turning Points Collaborative Society as he works for the organization and left the meeting at 2:42 p.m.*

**TURNING POINTS  
COLLABORATIVE  
SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Turning Points Collaborative Society in the amount of \$1,715 out of the requested amount of \$15,000 to fund a case management system.

**CARRIED.**

**VERNON COMMUNITY BAND SOCIETY** *Councillor Fehr returned at 2:43 p.m.*

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Community Band Society in the amount of \$400 to use towards operation expenses to practice and perform.

**CARRIED.**

**VERNON KOKANEE SWIM CLUB**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Kokanee Swim Club in the amount of \$1,635 to cover 3 days of rental fees for 2024 Summer Divisionals.

**CARRIED.**

**VERNON PADDLING CENTRE SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Paddling Centre Society in the amount of \$4,500 of the requested \$9,500 to support signage at the entrance of Paddlewheel Park, Signage at the paddling compound, and wheel chair accessible porta potty rental.

**CARRIED.**

**WL SEATON SECONDARY "SONICS" FOOTBALL**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to WL Seaton Secondary "Sonics" Football in the amount of \$13,000 out of the requested \$20,000 to purchase protective and training equipment for the program.

**CARRIED.**

**DATE AND TIME OF  
NEXT MEETING**

The next Finance Committee meeting is to be tentatively scheduled for November 2024.

**MOTION TO  
ADJOURN**

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Mund;

THAT the meeting of the Finance Committee be adjourned.

**CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**



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Chair