

GRANTS COMMITTEE



February 4, 1985
Grants Committee
7:00 p.m.

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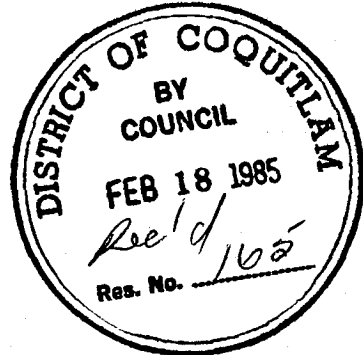
Grants Committee Minutes

A meeting of the Grants Committee of Council convened in the Committee Room of the Municipal Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 1985 with the following members in attendance:

Ald. B.T.H. Robinson - Chairman
Ald. M. Reid

Member of staff present was:

Mr. T. Klassen, Municipal Clerk



Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to examine the present policy of Council related to providing grants and to formulate a recommendation as to the future policy in this matter.

Reference Material

The Committee had before them a survey conducted of all G.V.R.D. municipalities on "Grant Policies" in effect and a copy of that material is attached hereto and forms a part of these Minutes.

Discussion

The Committee discussed several alternatives relating to a policy on grants and the difficulties which could or would arise with each alternative. The alternatives being:

1. Continue present policy of not providing grants.
2. Provide a set amount for grants with an upper limit established and deal with all applications at one time.
3. Establish a policy of not providing grants to umbrella organizations who may distribute such funds to other areas.
4. Provide grants on a one time only basis to organizations to be used as "seed funds" to establish a new programme or service in or for the community.

The Committee did note that some grants have been provided by way of waiver of rental fees on recreational facilities and a report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dealing with such waivers is attached and forms a part of these Minutes.

It is further noted that in previous years grants have been provided to Place des Arts and Place Maillardville and in 1984 \$65,870 was provided to those two facilities for operational purposes. This amount did not take into account maintenance or operation expenses of the actual building or facility, which costs are assumed by the Municipality under the Parks and Recreation Budget. These costs were for 1984:

Place Maillardville	\$27,297
Place des Arts	<u>19,129</u>
Total	<u>\$46,426</u>

Recommendation

That Council maintain, for 1985, its existing policy of not providing grants, with the exception of grants to Place Maillardville and Place des Arts and, as well, for waiver of rental fees for recreational facilities as may be recommended from time to time by the Parks and Recreation Committee and approved by Council.

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Reasons for Recommendation

1. Past experience has shown that it is very difficult to be equitable or fair to all groups which may apply for grants.
2. The United Way and Provincial Government provide funds and should local organizations also receive funding from the municipal government, the funding level from such agencies could be reduced or not increased.
3. The City of Port Coquitlam does not provide grants and agencies which have membership from communities within School District #43 would therefore benefit from any amount provided by Coquitlam..
4. Residents contribute to charities and/or organizations based on their desires or priorities and the District could duplicate contributions or contribute to groups not supported by a large segment of the taxpayers.
5. Should Council again decide to provide grants, large organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce would be eligible and with financial limitations which face municipalities, the District cannot afford to fund such groups.
6. Residents are continually being requested to contribute to local sports groups and organizations through various fund raising activities such as raffles and walkathons etc., and it should be left to taxpayers to decide directly to whom they wish to contribute.
7. The very difficult position Council has found itself in on occasions in the past in deciding which organization should receive a grant and how much the grant should be in order to provide some sort of equity to all who might apply.

B.T.H. Robinson
Chairman

City or District	Grants Provided	Established Policy	Limit on Grant Amount	Preset Budget for Grants	Amount of Budget for 1984	List of Recipients	Written Policy	Comments
White Rock	yes	yes	no	yes	\$ 10,600	yes	yes	Have reduced amount of grants from \$50,000 three years ago to present level
New Westminster	yes	yes	no	yes	100,000	yes	yes	Sundry grant provision provided in Annual Budget to approve small grant requests during the year
Burnaby	yes	yes	yes	yes	125,000	yes	yes	Budget restraint has limited any new applications
Belcarra	yes	no	yes	yes	700	yes	no	
Delta	yes	yes	yes	yes	189,532	yes	yes	Number of grants is being reduced
City of North Vancouver	yes	no	no	yes	105,372	yes	no	Grant applications dealt with by Finance Committee during April and each application dealt with on its own merits
District of North Vancouver	yes	yes	no	yes	102,853	yes	yes	
Port Coquitlam	no	-	-	-	-	-	yes	
Port Moody	yes	yes	no	yes	23,800	yes	yes	
Richmond	yes	yes	no	yes	254,000	yes	yes	Some funds retained until late in year to allow for urgent and extraordinary requests
Vancouver	yes	yes	no	yes	5,724,468	yes	yes	
West Vancouver	yes	yes	yes	yes	95,000	yes	yes	
Surrey	yes	yes	no	yes	200,000	no	yes	