



Corporate Administration
Memorandum

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To: Chief Administrative Officer
From: Director of Corporate Administration
Date: August 13, 2009
Subject: Mission Arts Council Funding

Recommendation

1. That \$3500 be transferred from account 20080 (staff recognition) to account 20500 (arts and culture grants).
2. That council approves a one-time special arts and culture grant to the Mission Arts Council in the amount of \$3,500 to fund the gift of a native carved house post as a gift to our sister city Oyama Japan.
3. That if the Mission Arts Council receives a gaming grant in 2009 they will reimburse the District for these funds.

Background

As council is aware, as part of the delegation to our sister city Oyama in October 2009 a special gift has been provided through the Mission Arts Council (MAC). The gift is a carved "house post" which is a mate to the current house post at the Mission-Oyama Friendship Garden.

The gift was carved by Mr. George Hemeon, a local native carver. It is considered to be a highly spiritual gift, and will be erected in a place of honour in Oyama.

The MAC had set out to provide this generous gift, as a very significant contribution to the sister city endowments. The house post will be a lasting reminder to the citizens of Oyama for many decades to come.

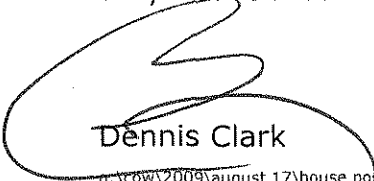
Unfortunately, in the midst of this generosity the MAC has been advised that their gaming grant has been frozen. This announcement has created financial turmoil, including the funding for the house post.

A letter from the MAC is attached outlining the problem. I have spoken with the Nancy Arcand (MAC executive director) and it is clear that there is no other source of funding that MAC can use to pay the outstanding costs related to the house post.

The outstanding funds include \$1750 owing to Mr. Hemeon for his carving work, and \$1700 paid by Nancy Arcand from her personal funds for shipping costs.

A review of accounts has revealed that there are surplus-to-needs funds in the staff recognition account for 2009. The surplus is based on a reduced number of retirements and other farewell events. The recommendation is to transfer \$3500 from this account into the account for arts and culture grants, so that the transaction is properly reported.

Should the MAC receive a grant from the provincial government, it is expected that they will reimburse the District.



Dennis Clark

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August, 2009

District of Mission
ATTENTION: Dennis Clark - Director of Corporate Administration
8645 Stave Lake Street
Mission, BC
V2V 4L9

RE: REQUEST FOR ADVANCE FROM FEE FOR SERVICE:

Dear Mr. Clark,

Thank you for your prompt attention to my e-mail dated 08/13/09.

As you are aware, there is a great deal of uncertainty around the Direct Access grants managed by the Gaming, Policy and Enforcement branch. As was reported by the Vancouver Sun, funds that were committed to charities have been frozen by the Province and the program is currently undergoing a review. Unfortunately, this puts us in a bit of a wait-and-see situation.

After review of several articles and discussions with those in the arts and culture sector, MAC has been told that there is an indefinite freeze on the gaming grants and the general understanding is that funding may not come until late fall. No one can inform us as to what the status of the review will be, or whether organizations will be receiving grants now or in the future.

As a *nonprofit organization who depends on these monies for sustainability*, we generally receive funding in the middle of August which carries us through to January when we receive our Fee for Service and BC Arts Council basic assistance funding. Not receiving the Gaming funds has put the Arts Council in a financial turmoil.

In order to secure the sustainability of the Arts Council, its staff and its longevity, certain measures have been taken to ensure that the Arts Council remains functioning until this issue is resolved. Some may seem drastic, but these measures have been taken in order to keep funds in the bank for minimal operations.

- Our landlord, Clifford Rock, he has deferred our rent until January when the Permissive Exemption kicks in and our fee for service arrives.
- Office phones, faxes, internet have all been cost reduced with smart ring, internet lite speed and bundled phone packages,
- We have monies in our budget to maintain our sold out summer CAMP MAC program and committed HRDC funds for our summer employee wages until August 28th, but not enough to sustain full time staff.
- The Executive Director hours have been reduced three days a week Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2 hours per day (\$600/month) and the Admin Assistant has taken an immediate leave of absence for unforeseen medical reasons.(\$0)
- Operationally we have funds available to sustain minimal office requirements, pay utilities, phone, internet monthly until December. (\$340/month)
- Influx of funds Sept 1st with a deposit of \$3500 from our Christmas Craft market vendors. These funds are earmarked for this event.
- Full tenancy of offices with MFMF, CD Good Designs and Wee Sew & Sew studio (monthly income of \$886)

In our application to Direct Gaming, the Arts Council was to receive funds for the Artist in Residence portion of the Oyama post. With this unsuspected freeze we have outstanding commitments with regards to artist fee and the shipping of the post to Oyama.

In order to assure timely travel to Japan and confirm no customs holding issues in Yokohama, I have had to pay \$1700 personally for the shipping of the post. We still have a commitment to pay George Hemeon \$1750.

We would like to ask if council could assist us in these expenses for the Oyama House post and advance us \$3500 from our 2010 Fee for Service in order to pay the outstanding balances for this project.

We are still actively seeking alternate funding sources at the same time.

We thank you for your continued support,

With regards,

Nancy Arcand
Executive Director
Mission Arts Council

Dennis Clark

From: Jennifer Russell
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2009 10:00 AM
To: Dennis Clark
Subject: FW: proposed development at Stave Lake Street and Dewdney Trunk Road

From: Jennifer Russell
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 11:41 AM
To: Dennis Clark
Subject: RE: proposed development at Stave Lake Street and Dewdney Trunk Road

There was a staff direction -- here is the excerpt from the minutes:

RC09/084
FEB. 16/09

**Official Community Plan and Rezoning Application R07-021
(Regnier) – 8738 Stave Lake Street, 34051, 34058, 34069, 34072, 34085,
34088, 34112 York Avenue, 34059, 34081, and 34097 Dewdney Trunk Road**

The committee reviewed a report from the deputy director of planning, dated February 16, 2009 regarding official community plan and rezoning application R07-021, for properties located at 8738 Stave Lake Street, 34051, 34058, 34069, 34072, 34085, 34088, 34112 York Avenue, 34059, 34081, and 34097 Dewdney Trunk Road.

Staff were directed to:

- (a) bring back a report forwarding application R07-021 for consideration of first and second readings, and that a public information meeting be held prior to a public hearing; and
- (b) begin the internal and external referral process.

From: Dennis Clark
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 11:01 AM
To: Jennifer Russell
Subject: proposed development at Stave Lake Street and Dewdney Trunk Road

Jennifer, a couple of months ago there was a staff report regarding a proposed development on the property directly across from us on Stave Lake Street. The report was not supportive, but Rex Blane appeared as a delegation and council seemed to agree that the proposal was worth consideration.

Could you review the minutes of that meeting and provide me with a copy of either the council resolution or the council direction that followed the delegation? My recollection is that it included staff meeting with the developer to address concerns.

Thanks Jennifer.

Dennis

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From: Jennifer Russell
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2009 10:07 AM
To: Dennis Clark
Subject: Proposed Meadowlands Development

Here are the excerpts from both the March 16th and July 6th minutes, with staff directions at the end of each.

RC09/153
MAR. 16/09

Bill Warner and Al Lafontaine
Re: Rezoning Application R07-021

Al Lafontaine expressed concern with the application as the recently adopted official community plan is comprehensive for the entire community, and this property is currently zoned for larger lots and a higher density area would not fit within the neighbouring areas. He stated that this proposal will negatively affect the urban areas.

Bill Warner also expressed concern with the application and noted that he enjoys the peace and tranquility in the area and the proposed development will change the area dramatically. He noted that the proposed area should remain in the current OCP and the density should not be any less than .08 acre.

Mayor Atebe thanked Mr. Lafontaine and Mr. Warner for their presentation.

Staff were asked to provide a report on what steps will need to occur should council wish to initiate a neighbourhood plan, for this area including the fact that, council may need to rescind resolution RC09/084.

RC09/410
JULY 6/09

Al LaFontaine
Re: Local Area Plan for Goundrey Street/York Street/North
Hatzic Corridor

Al LaFontaine appeared before council to ask that a local area plan be established to guide development of the Goundrey Street/York Street/North Hatzic corridor.

Mr. LaFontaine stated:

- the subject properties are designated as suburban residential in the official community plan;
- the subject properties are bordered by agricultural land reserves to the north and the Westminster Abbey property to the south;
- the lands could be considered "estate" or "executive" properties; and
- the motivation of the property owners to establish a local area plan is to preserve their suburban lifestyle.

Mr. LaFontaine asked for guidance and direction from council and from staff as to how to go about establishing a local area plan.

The mayor thanked Mr. LaFontaine for his presentation.

Staff were directed to provide a report with:

- (a) comments as to what initiatives have been put forward to date;

- (b) information about the process; and
- (c) recommendations as to how to proceed.

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