



MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting at City Hall, Conference Room A and Electronically
141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, BC on April 26, 2023

Members Present

Anna Boltenko
Catherine Kingfisher
Olga Kens
Kathy McGrenera
Tim Page
Zeyus Spenta

Staff Present

Heather Evans, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Administrative Coordinator II*

**participated electronically*

Absent

Kate Galicz
Tony Valente, Councillor

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of the meeting held on March 29, 2023 were approved as circulated.

3. UPDATES

a) Councillor

- The Growing Communities Fund provides a one-time total of \$1 billion in grants distributed among all of B.C.'s local governments. CNV is the recipient of approximately \$10.9M. The Growing Communities Fund grant is intended to support the delivery of infrastructure projects necessary to enable community growth. The funds are to be used for infrastructure and amenity projects that support community growth. For more information: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/grants-transfers/grants/bc-s-growing-communities-fund. Councillor and staff will keep SPAC advised as a funding program is developed.

b) Staff

- At Monday's meeting, Council endorsed the Poverty Reduction Strategy. Staff will circulate more information to SPAC by e-mail.
- "Solutions navigators" have been hired to assist people with accessing community resources and support from existing service providers. The aim is to support folks cycling out of poverty with issues ranging from housing, food, basic needs and the multitude of barriers that may arise when navigating systems.
- Council gave staff the go ahead to apply for more funding for implementation work. This is an opportunity for action funding, and staff will circulate the Council report that provides additional information.

4. COMMUNITY GRANTS ALLOCATION DISCUSSION

The Chair led a discussion on the Community Grants allocations. CNV received 77 applications for Community Grants in Round One. The various groups presented their allocations and the committee discussed as a whole.

After discussion, the committee unanimously agreed to allocate \$137,200 of the Community Grants funding in Round One as follows:

Athletics for Kids Financial Assistance (B.C.) – Program – Sport4Life Grant Program	\$1,000
Avalon Recovery Society (Avalon Women's Centre North Shore) – Operating	\$10,500
Avalon Recovery Society (Avalon Women's Centre North Shore) – Program – Counselling Program	\$2,000
Avalon Recovery Society (Avalon Women's Centre North Shore) – Program – Operating Hours Expansion	\$2,500
Backpack Buddies – Operating	\$3,000
Backpack Buddies – Program – Backpack Buddies	\$3,000
BC Pets & Friends – Operating	\$1,000
Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver – Operating	\$1,000
Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver – Program – Community Mentoring	\$1,000
Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland – Operating	\$1,000
Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland – Program – North Shore Mentoring	\$1,000
Canadian Mental Health Assn. – North and West Vancouver Branch – Operating	\$3,500
Canadian Mental Health Assn. – North and West Vancouver Branch – Program – Circle of Care Housing Program	\$5,000
Crisis Intervention & Suicide Prevention Centre of BC – Operating	\$2,000
Fresh Air Learning Society Vancouver – Program – Park Play Days	\$200
Greater Vancouver Law Students' Legal Advice Society – Program – Law Students' Legal Advice Program (LSLAP)	\$1,000
Greater Vancouver Youth Unlimited North Shore – Program – Mobile Youth Drop-In	\$4,000
Highlands United Church – Program – Saturday Lunch	\$1,500
Highlands United Church – Program – Shelter to Home	\$4,000
Hollyburn Community Services Society – Operating	\$1,000

Hollyburn Community Services Society – Program – Free Trauma Informed Counselling	\$1,000
Hollyburn Community Services Society – Program – Indigenous DVU Worker	\$1,000
Hollyburn Community Services Society – Program – Seniors at Housing Risk	\$1,000
Hollyburn Community Services Society – Program – Supporting Seniors to Remain Housed	\$1,000
Immigrant Link Centre Society – Operating	\$5,000
Iranian Laughter Club – Operating	\$1,000
Iranian Laughter Club – Train the Trainer	\$1,000
Lionsview Seniors' Planning Society – Operating	\$2,700
Lionsview Seniors' Planning Society – Program – North Vancouver City Seniors' Action Committee	\$350
Lionsview Seniors' Planning Society – Program – Services to Seniors Coalition/Planning Table	\$450
Living Systems: Family Systems Counselling, Education, Training & Research Society – Program – Parenting and Marriage Counselling	\$1,500
Lumara Grief & Bereavement Care Society – Program – Family Grief Support	\$1,500
Muscular Dystrophy of Canada – Program – North Vancouver Equipment Program	\$3,000
North Shore Disability Resource Centre – Program – Information and Advocacy	\$2,000
North Shore Disability Resource Centre – Program – Multi-Sensory Van Outreach Program	\$550
North Shore Disability Resource Centre – Program – Summer Bursary Program	\$2,000
North Shore Keep Well Society – Operating	\$1,500
North Shore Multicultural Society (dba as Impact North Shore) – Operating	\$2,500
North Shore Multicultural Society (dba as Impact North Shore) – Program – Anti-Racism Programming	\$1,000
North Shore Multicultural Society (dba as Impact North Shore) – Program – Community Bridging	\$2,000
North Shore Safety Council – Operating	\$500
North Shore Stroke Recovery Centre – Operating	\$4,000
North Shore Table Tennis Club Society – Operating	\$3,000

North Shore Table Tennis Club Society – Program – Happy Hands Adapted Table Tennis Program	\$1,000
North Shore Table Tennis Club Society – Program – Seniors' Therapeutic Body and Mind Table Tennis	\$750
North Shore Table Tennis Club Society – Program – Youth Leadership Table Tennis Program	\$1,000
North Shore Women's Centre – Program – North Shore Coordinating Committee to End Violence Against Women in Relationships	\$4,000
North Shore Women's Centre – Program – Separation Support Group	\$2,000
North Shore Women's Centre - Program – Sexual Assault Prevention	\$1,500
Pathways Serious Mental Illness Society – Operating	\$7,200
Pathways Serious Mental Illness Society – Awareness and Early Prevention	\$500
Quest Outreach Society – Operating	\$1,500
Quest Outreach Society – Program – Food Recovery and Redistribution Program	\$3,000
Sharing Abundance Association – Program - Sharing Abundance Community and Senior Meal Programs	\$4,000
Special Olympics British Columbia Society – North Shore – Operating	\$1,500
Special Olympics British Columbia Society – North Shore – Program – SOBC North Shore Sports Program	\$1,500
Spinal Cord Injury BC – Program – Peer Support Program	\$1,500
St. Andrew's United Church – Program – St. Andrew's Community Meal Program	\$3,500
St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church – Program – Queen Mary Family Learning Program	\$4,500
Third Bridge Foundation – Program – Tek Talk Events	\$500
Turning Point Recovery Foundation – Program – TP Overdose Prevention Program	\$2,000
Vancouver Adaptive Snow Sports – Operating	\$1,500
Vancouver Adaptive Snow Sports – Program – Adaptive Learn to Ski	\$1,500
Variety – The Children's Charity of British Columbia – Program – FY 23 Private Assessments North Shore	\$2,500
Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society – Operating	\$1,500
TOTAL	\$137,200

It was unanimously agreed that the following organizations do not receive funding in Round One of 2023:

Athletics for Kids Financial Assistance (B.C.) – Operating
Best Buddies of Canada – Program – Friendship Program
BizKids Practical Education Association - Program – Equipping Educators for the Future of Education
Canadian Liver Foundation, BC/Yukon Region – Program – 2023 LIVERight Health Forum
Har El, the North Shore Centre for Jewish Life – Operating
Hyad Society – Program (This application was withdrawn.)
Lionsview Seniors' Planning Society – Program – North Shore News Column: Older and Wiser
North Vancouver City Firefighters Local 296 Charitable Foundation – Program – Charitable Bocce Tournament
Odihi – Program – Agape Initiative
RNB Dance and Theatre Arts – Operating
RNB Dance and Theatre Arts – Program – Peak Performance Half Day Program
Third Bridge Foundation – Program – Tek Talk Parties

The committee unanimously agreed to hold back \$50,696 to be distributed in Round Two.

5. 2023 WORK PLAN

The Community Planner opened the discussion, asking SPAC what agencies the committee would like to hear from or have join us for presentations.

She indicated it helps staff to know what types of topics the committee is interested in. Policies will come to SPAC as they are created and ready. The Zoning Bylaw project lead would like to come next month and present. If you are interested in parks or want to go on field trips, learn more about financial statements, etc. let us know.

The Chair suggested using the idea of themes, i.e., having several organizations that provide food come on the same night.

It was suggested that it might be helpful for SPAC members to go to events such as Table Matters, etc.

The committee agreed it would be best to wait until the next meeting to include the new incoming members in the discussion.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2023 at 6 pm.

7. ROUNDTABLE

8. ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.



Anna Boltenko, Chair