

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER
Regular meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee
Held in City Hall, Conference Room 'A'
On Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Antje Wilson, Chair
Alison Caldwell Johnson, Vice-Chair
Tomoko Ito
Kenneth Izatt
Jessica Thoms
Vivien Christison

ABSENT

Michelle Robindell
Alison Watt
Craig Keating, Councillor
Lili Motaghedi

STAFF:

Paul Penner, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

9 members – quorum = 5

1 Councillor (non-voting) 2 staff (non-voting)

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of July 26, 2011 were adopted as circulated.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Review of Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund Applications**

P. Penner gave some background information into the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund, stating that it was originally set up to support and implement the recommended strategies of the Lower Lonsdale Social Development Strategy. We currently have \$48,080 to disburse in this second round of funding for 2011.

The committee then discussed the applications one by one on a round table basis.

1. **NS Stroke Recovery Centre – Community Chimers – Request: \$14,500**

The following points were made in favour of the NS Stroke Recovery Centre's application:

- Consistent with the Lower Lonsdale Social Development Strategy.

- Concept of using music therapy to help stroke victims is a very good one.

The following points concerns were raised about the application from the NS Stroke Recovery Centre:

- Does not seem financially sustainable.
- Showed a deficit in 2010.
- Should be seeking support from other sponsors and not relying solely on the LLLF.

2. Capilano Community Services Society (CCSS) – Doris Too the Bus – Request: \$10,000

Points in favour:

- Excellent program for seniors.
- They have done a good job in the past of diversifying revenue sources.
- It directly affects a large number of Lower Lonsdale residents.

Concerns raised:

- Is the program financial sustainable?

3. Vancouver Regiment, Irish Pipes & Drums Society – Youth Drumming Phase II – Request: \$1,250

Points in favour:

- Program for youth that attracts youth.
- Heritage complement to it.
- Is directly in Lower Lonsdale area.
- Do get other financial support.

Concerns raised:

- May be some duplication of service in community as another organization provides a similar service at no cost.
- Small number of youth helped.

4. Spectrum Support Group – Mothering Support – Request: \$15,000

Points in favour:

- Impressive list of partners.
- Referring circle is good.
- Multi-cultural component, collaborative group.
- Level of care is high and caregivers are well paid.

Concerns raised:

- Unclear whether this is a new program or a currently running program that has lost funding.
- Amount of money requested versus number of residents served may not warrant.

- There are other programs to support this issue.

5. NS Neighbourhood House – Youth Living with Loss – Request: \$5,000

Points in favour:

- Brand new partnership, well run.
- New approach to this issue.
- Sustainable.

Concerns raised:

- Difficult to quantify this as a Lower Lonsdale program.
- This type of bereavement help is not a fit for everyone.

6. NS Salvation Army – Advocate Worker – Request: \$35,000

Points in favour:

- Support for the homeless is needed.
- This agency does a good job of keeping costs under control.
- Concrete service and program.

Concerns raised:

- This organization has an existing contract with the City for a Homeless Outreach worker. Could be a duplication of service.
- Lack of integration with other homeless outreach in the City.
- Large amount of money requested.

7. Family Services of the NS – Family Support in Lower Lonsdale – Request: \$15,000

Points in favour:

- A large number of children and families would benefit.
- Well-run, well-funded agency.
- Amount of residents served is good value for the amount of money requested.

Concerns raised:

- Could be a level of duplication.

At this point in the meeting, J. Thoms stepped out of the room due to a conflict of interest.

8. Capilano University – inVEST (Volunteer Empowerment Through Skills Training) – Request: \$10,756

Points in favour:

- They are responding to a need that was identified through studies and investigation.
- Volunteers from 6-12 agencies to be trained is good value for the funding.

Concerns raised:

- More specifics may be required as to who is being trained.
- Some clarity required as to how this program would work.
- Perhaps this program could be run completely on a volunteer basis.

General Discussion:

- There was some discussion as to whether the total amount of money should be split between all approved programs or if some programs that were felt stronger should be given their full request amount.
- Questions were raised as to whether there was a need to allocate the total amount or not.

IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED:

THAT the Social Planning Advisory Committee recommend allocation of the full amount of \$48,080 currently available in the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund.

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The final allocation recommendations are as follows:

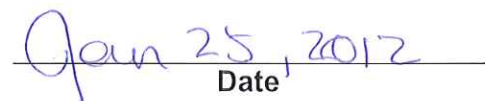
1. NS Stroke Recovery Centre – Community Chimers	\$6,730
2. Capilano Community Services Society – Shop with Doris Too the Bus	\$10,000
3. Vancouver Regiment – Irish Pipes & Drums Society	\$1,250
4. Spectrum Support Group – Mothering Support	\$7,500
5. NS Neighbourhood House – Youth Living with Loss	\$5,000
6. NS Salvation Army – Advocate Worker	\$0
7. FSNS – Family Support in Lower Lonsdale	\$10,000
8. Capilano University – inVEST (Volunteer Empowerment through Skills Training)	\$7,600

4. ADJOURNMENT –

It was unanimously decided to defer all other items to the next meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 23, 2011


Chair


Date