



# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

## **MINUTES OF**

### **THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 , 2024**

### **OKANAGAN LAKE ROOM (COUNCIL CHAMBER)**

**PRESENT:** VOTING

Councillor Mund  
Councillor Gares  
Councillor Fehr

**GUEST:** Councillor Durning

**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 Chair of the City of Vernon's Finance Committee, 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 Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the agenda for the November 27, 2024 Finance Committee be adopted.

**CARRIED.**

**ADOPTION OF  
MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Mund;

THAT the minutes of the September 9, 2024 Finance Committee meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**COUNCIL  
DISCRETIONARY  
GRANT POLICY  
AMENDMENT**

Moved by Councillor Fehr, seconded by Councillor Mund:

THAT the Finance Committee recommends to Council that the Council Discretionary Grant Policy be amended to clarify that an organization may only have one application approved per calendar year in item 1.2(d).

**CARRIED.**

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

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

The Committee reviewed all applications and passed the following motions:

**ALLAN BROOKS  
NATURE CENTRE**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Allan Brooks Nature Centre in the amount of \$3,000 for the Okanagan Okie mascot.

**CARRIED.**

**ARCHWAY SOCIETY  
FOR DOMESTIC  
PEACE**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Archway Society for Domestic Peace in the amount of \$10,000 for the replacement of video recording equipment for forensic interviews.

**CARRIED.**

**ARMY NAVY AND AIR  
FORCE VETERANS  
ASSOCIATION UNIT 5  
SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Army Navy and Air Force Veterans Association Unit 5 Society in the amount of \$40,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**ATHLETICS FOR KIDS**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Athletics for Kids in

the amount of \$2,200 out of the requested amount of \$6,500 to fund children in the Sport4Life Vernon Grant Program.

**CARRIED.**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
HONEY PRODUCERS'  
ASSOCIATION**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to British Columbia Honey Producers' Association in the amount of \$8,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**CANADIAN MENTAL  
HEALTH  
ASSOCIATION  
VERNON & DISTRICT**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Canadian Mental Health Association Vernon & District in the amount of \$8,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**HABITAT FOR  
HUMANITY  
OKANAGAN**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Habitat for Humanity Okanagan in the amount of \$14,627.75 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**MACKIE LAKE  
HOUSE FOUNDATION**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to the Mackie Lake House Foundation in the amount of \$3,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**NORTH OKANAGAN  
CHILD CARE  
SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to North Okanagan Child

Care Society in the amount of \$12,500 out of the requested \$25,000 to upgrade one of the entry ways with accessible ramps.

**CARRIED.**

**NORTH OKANAGAN  
FRIENDSHIP  
CENTER/PREGNANCY  
OUTREACH  
PROGRAM**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to North Okanagan Friendship Center/Pregnancy Outreach Program in the amount of \$22,500 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**NORTH OKANAGAN  
HOTEL ASSOCIATION**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Gares;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to North Okanagan Hotel Association in the amount of \$2,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**NORTH OKANAGAN  
OPTIMIST CLUB**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to North Okanagan Optimist Club in the amount of \$2,000 to use towards the Children's Christmas Gift House program.

**CARRIED.**

**NORTH OKANAGAN  
SAILING  
ASSOCIATION**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to North Okanagan Sailing Association in the amount of \$10,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**NORTH OKANAGAN  
YOUTH AND FAMILY  
SERVICES SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Upper Room Mission Society in the amount of \$3,590 out of the requested

\$10,000 to assist with the transformation of the NOYFSS downstairs.

**CARRIED.**

**NORTH OKANAGAN  
GYMNASTICS**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to North Okanagan Gymnastics in the amount of \$5,000 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 Okanagan Screen Arts Society in the amount of \$1,500 as the City has limited funds for disbursement

**CARRIED.**

**O'KEEFE RANCH &  
INTERIOR HERITAGE  
SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to O'Keefe Ranch & Interior Heritage Society in the amount of \$25,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**SKY VOLLEYBALL  
CLUB**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Sky Volleyball Club in the amount of \$2,580 out of the requested \$11,265.45 to fund the purchase of volleyballs.

**CARRIED.**

**THE SOVEREIGN  
LAKE NORDIC CLUB**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to The Sovereign Lake Nordic

Club in the amount of \$6,825 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**TAKE A HIKE YOUTH  
MENTAL HEALTH  
FOUNDATION**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Take a Hike Youth Mental Health Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 to fund land-based learning supplies and outdoor gear.

**CARRIED.**

**TOGETHER FOR  
CHRISTMAS SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

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

**CARRIED.**

**VERNON & DISTRICT  
METIS ASSOCIATION**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon & District Metis Association in the amount of \$20,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**VERNON ELKS**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Elks in the amount of \$20,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**VERNON LAWN  
BOWLING CLUB**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Lawn Bowling Club in the amount of \$2,000 to replace an aging water heater.

**CARRIED.**

**VERNON OAK  
LEARNING SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon OAK Learning Society in the amount of \$15,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**VERNON  
PICKLEBALL  
ASSOCIATION**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Pickleball Association in the amount of \$8,500 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**VERNON SHE SHED  
SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon She Shed Society in the amount of \$5,000 out of the request \$15,000 to fund materials and safety equipment.

**CARRIED.**

**VERNON SKI CLUB**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Ski Club in the amount of \$4,250 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**UPPER ROOM  
MISSION SOCIETY**

Moved by Councillor Mund, seconded by Councillor Fehr;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Upper Room Mission Society in the amount of \$7,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

**CARRIED.**

**DATE AND TIME OF  
NEXT MEETING**

The next Finance Committee meeting is to be tentatively scheduled for April 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Chair