



2018 Spring report



Background

- My Great Neighbourhood Grants launched in 2016 to support community-driven projects in the public realm
- \$120,000 annual budget
- Since inception, 58 projects have been approved and are in progress or complete



FED planter box



Promotion

- Neighbourhood Association promotion via e-news letters and website posts
- Poster campaign targeting every neighbourhood café and community board
- Social media campaign

Great Neighbourhood Grants – Spring Intake opens March 1

It's hard to believe but the next application intake for the My Great Neighbourhood Grant program opened March 1, 2018. Start thinking about ways to bring people together for a fun community building activity. Maybe look at ways to revitalize areas of your 'hood that are looking a little weary, or need a new reason to bring people together. You know your neighbourhood best – talk to your Neighbourhood Liaison about your thoughts and ideas, and let us help you flesh out a plan. Criteria and details on the grant program can be found [here](#).



Burnside Gorge Community Newsletter excerpt



Celebration

My Great Neighbourhood Block Party!



- Keynote speaker Paul Born, CEO from the Tamarack Institute
- Topic – deepening community
- Free books!

- Asset mapping workshop by neighbourhood
- Places we love
- Community gathering places
- Areas of opportunity





- Science Fair style displays of past projects as a visual aid to inspire
- Displayed at City Hall in the Douglas St. entrance foyer as well



2018 Spring Grants Application Period

- Spring intake took place between March 1 and April 15
- 2nd intake scheduled for September with remaining funds (\$63,700)
- 6 week application period
- Mandatory preliminary meetings to help streamline the application process proved to be very successful in overall quality of applications



2018 Grant Applications Total

23 applications during the Spring Intake:

- 15 placemaking projects
- 8 activity projects
- One ineligible project, one pulled by the applicant



A total request of
\$56,300 for the
Spring intake



Community Partnerships



To date: 6 Neighbourhood
grant projects have evolved
from \$50 BRN micro grants



VICTORIA FOUNDATION
CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO CARE WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER



Victoria Foundation neighbourhood small
grants has expanded their reach into North
Park, Burnside Gorge and Oaklands
neighbourhoods



Neighbourhood Grant Distribution

Neighbourhood	2016 recipients	2016 Awards	2017 recipients	2017 Awards	Total applications	Total \$ awarded / requested	% of total funds	% of population
Burnside Gorge	2	\$7,060	4	\$8,000	6	\$15,060	7%	7.3%
Downtown Harris Green	4	\$20,000	3	\$10,400	7	\$30,400	14%	5.7%
Fairfield Gonzales	2	\$9,400	7	\$23,522	9	\$32,922	16%	19.8%
Fernwood	4	\$18,490	6	\$16,950	10	\$35,440	17%	11.8%
Hillside Quadra	0	\$0	4	\$6,678	4	\$6,678	3%	9.1%
James Bay	1	\$5,000	4	\$14,441	5	\$19,441	9%	14.0%
North Jubilee	1	\$5,000	0	\$0	1	\$5,000	2%	4.0%
North Park	0	\$0	2	\$8,000	2	\$8,000	4%	3.8%
Oaklands	1	\$5,000	1	\$5,000	2	\$10,000	5%	8.5%
Rockland	1	\$5,000	0	\$0	1	\$5,000	2%	4.4%
South Jubilee	1	\$5,000	2	\$6,000	3	\$11,000	5%	2.5%
Vic West	4	\$14,765	2	\$6,000	6	\$20,765	10%	8.5%
City wide	0	\$0	2	\$9,975	2	\$9,975	5%	100%
	21	\$94,715	37	\$114,966	58	\$209,681	100%	



Creativity

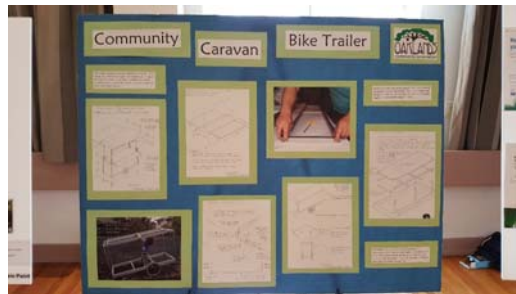


Creativity

Mobile Community Trailer



Ingenuity

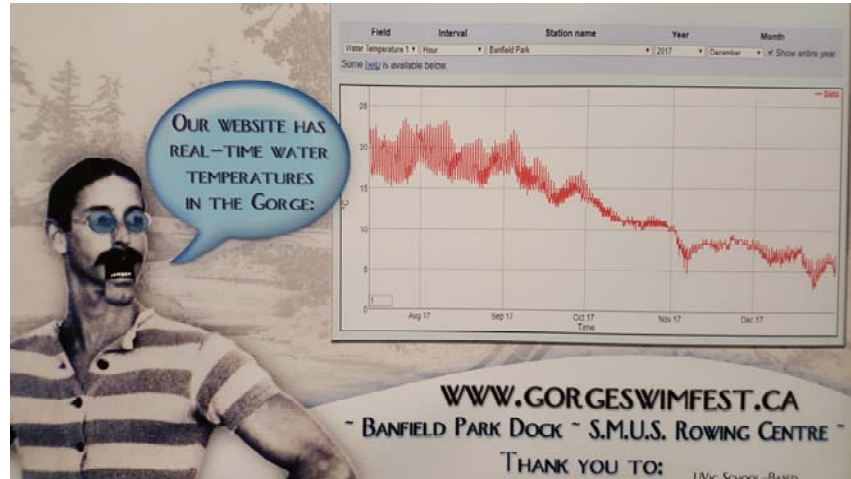


Oaklands Community
Caravan Bike Trailer



Ingenuity

Vic West Gorge Temperature Gage



Ecosystems



JBNH Pollinator Garden



Ecosystems



JBNH Pollinator Garden



Healthy Environment



Fairfield Food Forest



Gathering places



Fairfield Food Forest



Recognition & Welcoming

Welcoming Pole at
George Jay Elementary
School



Issue

Policy is silent regarding multiple applications from one applicant

- a. Recommendation: Applicants are limited to one placemaking and one activity grant application per annual intake



Issue

Completing projects in a timely fashion

- a. Recommendation: At the discretion of the Neighbourhood Team, a three-month extension may be granted for placemaking projects; a second three-month extension may be granted under extenuating circumstances. If after eighteen months (one year to complete and six months of extension) the project is not complete, the City will ask for the grant funds to be returned.
- b. At the discretion of the Neighbourhood Team, one three-month grant extension for an activity may be granted under extenuating circumstances.



Recommendation

- That Council approve the 21 applications received for Spring intake of the 2018 My Great Neighbourhood Grant program for a total of \$56,300
- That Council approve the following policy changes:
 1. Limit one placemaking and one activity grant per annual intake
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