



Governance & Priorities Committee Report

Date: January 30, 2014 **From:** Kate Friars, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture
Subject: Approval for one-third payment of Community Recreation Grants to Community and Seniors Centres

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to request approval for the early (March 1st, 2014) payment of one-third of the fee-for-service Community Recreation Grants to community and senior centres.

Background

The City of Victoria provides annual fee-for-service Community Recreation Grants to community and seniors centres to support the provision of community recreation services and programs. To assist the centres with their cash flow early in the year, Council has, in the past, been supportive of a March 1st disbursement of one-third of the recommended grant. The remaining balance is issued in July, subsequent to final budget approval. The total proposed budget for this grant program is \$423,101. The requested one-third approval is equal to \$141,033. The proposed grant allocation by centre is attached in Appendix A.

Issues & Analysis

The primary issue with the March 1st disbursement of one-third of the grant is that it occurs prior to the annual budget approval. This may limit Council's ability to make changes to this budget category.

Options & Impacts

Option 1:

Approve the disbursement of one-third of the grant budget for Community Recreation Grants to community and seniors centres on March 1, 2014.

Impacts

- Funding assists with cash flow early in the fiscal year to help ensure continuity of staffing services. This will assist with the development and delivery of recreation programs.

Option 2:

Do not approve the disbursement of one-third of the grant budget for Community Recreation Grants to community and seniors centres on March 1, 2014.

Impacts

- Community and seniors centres may not have the necessary cash flow available to ensure continuity of staffing. As a result, the provision of community recreation services and programs they offer may be in jeopardy.

Recommendation

Option 1:

Council approve the disbursement of one-third of the 2014 community recreation grants to community and seniors centres on March 1, 2014 as outlined in Appendix A.

Respectfully submitted,



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Neighbourhoods



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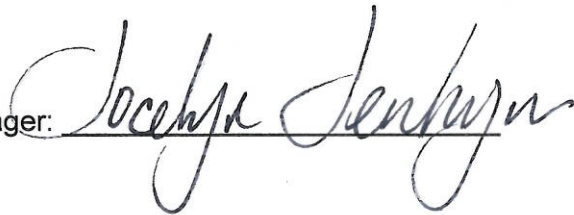


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Report reviewed and endorsed by the Director of Finance:



Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:



APPENDIX A

2014 Proposed Grant Allocations Community & Senior Centres

Community Centre	Total Proposed Grant	1/3 Disbursement
Burnside Gorge Community Centre	\$44,729	\$14,910
Fairfield Community Place	\$44,729	\$14,910
Fernwood Community Centre	\$44,729	\$14,910
James Bay Community School Centre	\$44,729	\$14,910
Oaklands Community Centre	\$44,729	\$14,910
Quadra Village Community Centre	\$44,729	\$14,910
Victoria West Community Centre	\$44,729	\$14,910

Seniors Centre		
Cook Street Village Activity Centre	\$36,666	\$12,221
Victoria Silver Threads	\$36,666	\$12,221
James Bay New Horizons	\$36,666	\$12,221

Total proposed budget	\$423,101	\$141,033
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