

DISTRICT OF SOOKE

COMMUNITY GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Meeting #10 – May 26, 2010
6:00 PM – Council Chambers

Committee Members Present:

David Mallett, Chair
Councillor Maja Tait (arrived at 6:31 pm)
Alexander Chandler (arrived at 6:29 pm)
Myke Colbert (Moonfist)

Staff: Sue-Lin Tarnowski, Tina Hansen

Absent:

Action

The meeting began at 6:03 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. **Adoption of Minutes:**

MOVED and seconded to approve the minutes of May 12, 2010 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **Committee Presentations:**

David Mallett introduced the committee members and advised the applicants that the intent of the meeting is for the community grant applicants to present their applications and for the committee members to ask questions. It was also clarified that no financial reward decisions will be made until all presentations have been heard, at that time the Committee will make recommendations to Council for ratification at the Regular Council meeting June 14, 2010.

Sooke Elderly Citizens' Housing Society

David Mallett stated he was in conflict of interest with this grant application and excused himself from the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Carol Mallett and Sandy Pednault provided a power point presentation of the Ayre Manor Garden Project for 2010. The project will provide extended sidewalks, safe accessibility for walkers and wheelchairs, raised beds, perennial beds, and completion of a patio and garden shed. They are proposing a "planting day" to encourage residents to become involved, the project will provide a sense of joy and happiness to Ayre Manor residents.

David Mallett returned to the meeting at 6:13 pm.

Sooke Canada Day Society

Judithe Ann Gatto provided information to the Committee as to the Canada Day Society grant application for the rental of Port-a-Potties for the Canada Day celebration. The Society is expecting a larger crowd this year.

Sooke Fine Arts Society

Evonne Black provided an overview of the Sooke Fine Arts Society project for creating a file maker pro data base and improving the existing website to be more user friendly. The goal is to increase efficiency, decrease costs, and provide a greener way of doing business

EMCS Student Art Bus Shelter Project

Susan Percival provided information as to the grant application for the EMCS Student Art Bus Shelter. The purpose of the project is to showcase youth in a positive manner. The project has been successful in eliminating vandalism to the shelters which have remained functional and attractive. The project has been extended to include showcasing youth artwork at the medical clinic making it more youth friendly.

The Committee encouraged Ms. Percival to keep in touch with the District engineering department regarding location of bus shelters and congratulated her on the success of the program.

Sooke Harbour Player's Society

Chris Lang and Deena Burnett provided information as to the proposed 2010 fall project of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat which will provide an opportunity to involve approximately 120 members of the Sooke community. The grant would be used to purchase cordless microphone headsets reducing costs associated with upcoming and ongoing performances.

Sooke Region Food CHI Society

Phoebe Dunbar and Diane Welters presented a slide-show on the development of the Sunriver Allotment Gardens project. The purpose of the project is to promote and support local food production through activity and includes the involvement of students from Journey Middle School. The grant funds will be used to cover costs associated with fencing, infrastructure, drainage and irrigation.

Sooke Philharmonic Society

David Lintern provided an overview of the Celebration for Young Artists project which will provide young artist an opportunity to rehearse and perform at the opening concert of the Sooke

Philharmonic Orchestra. The purpose of the project is to improve the lives of youth through music and provide support to the Journey Middle School music program.

Greater Victoria Film Commission

Jo Anne Walton provided information as to marketing the Greater Victoria area as a film location. The Greater Victoria Film Commission provides services to film productions when they come to town. The project will provide photograph documentation and marketing strategies for the Sooke area to the film industry.

The Committee inquired as to whether Sooke would be able to have access to the photographs used for the project.

Sooke Amateur Boxing Club

Mike Colbert stated that he was in conflict of interest with this application but is the only representative of the Sooke Amateur Boxing Club to make a presentation.

Myke Colbert informed the Committee that the purpose of the project is to encourage active participation from youth in a safe and comfortable environment and provide a positive affect on the community. The application is requesting funds to cover the costs of equipment and advertising.

Sooke Community Choir

Laura Dowhy provided information on the Sooke Community Choir project that will enhance the existing music program. Plans are to review, organize and upgrade their music library as well as repair and have additional vests made. The Choir would like to be involved and support music in elementary schools.

The Committee reported that under the Community Grant Program Policy, wages for a music researcher were not covered.

EMCS Environmental Studies Program

Heather Walsh provided an overview of the project which is not part of the province wide curriculum. The program concentrates on providing youth the opportunity to get out of the classroom and be exposed to the natural environment and give them a sense on how to protect it. The program works in partnership with Galliano Land Conservancy and provides students with experience in restoration work. The program hopes to take on and restore a piece of land identified by the District of Sooke.

The Committee reported that under the Community Grant Program Policy wages and travel expenses were not covered.

Juan de Fuca Marine Rescue Society

Robert Roe provided an overview of the services provided by the Juan de Fuca Marine Rescue Society. The projects purpose is to provide required safety equipment to new volunteers.

EKOOS Vocal Ensemble

Fred Andrew provided an overview of the EkOOS Vocal Ensemble which consists of 15 to 20 members. Their mandate is to engage the member and members of the community with music as a vital part of the artistic and cultural life of Sooke. The funding request is for the upcoming season and the group is looking for rehearsal space that is quite could accommodate the group.

The Committee reported that under the Community Grant Program Policy, conductor's wages were not be covered.

Sooke Volunteer Centre Steering Committee

David Mallet and Myke Colbert stated that they were in conflict of interest with this application as they are members of the Sooke Volunteer Centre Steering Committee and left the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Doni Eve and Nikki Logins provided an overview of the Committees goals for a volunteer centre to serve the Sooke region. The funding would be used to support a "needs assessment" to determine the community's needs for a volunteer centre and what type of services it can offer and connecting skills of individuals with organizations.

David Mallett and Myke Colbert returned to the meeting at 8:11 pm.

Sooke Street Festival

David Evans provided information for plans to bring people together for an outdoor art- based weekend of entertainment. The Sooke Street Festival would provide an opportunity for people to get out doors and experience a unique and fun festival; to showcase Sooke's outdoor facilities; to "build community".

The Committee discussed the Community Grant Program applications and after discussion agreed to recommend to Council the following amounts for disbursement:

Sooke Canada Day Society:

To allocate \$1,600 towards the rental of port-a-potties for the Sooke Canada Day Society celebration.

Sooke Fine Arts Society:

To allocate \$\$7,000 towards the Sooke Fine Arts Society file maker data base and website project.

EMCS Student Art Bus Shelter Project:

To allocated \$2,357 towards the continued EMCS student bus shelter and medical clinic art project.

Sooke Harbour Players Society:

To allocate \$5,000 towards the Sooke Harbour Players Society production Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat.

Sooke Region Food CHI Society:

To allocate \$8,765 towards the Sooke Region Food CHI Society Sunriver Allotment Gardens project.

Sooke Elderly Citizens' Housing Society:

To allocate \$3,000 towards the Sooke Elderly Citizens' Housing Society Ayre Manor garden project.

Sooke Philharmonic Society:

To allocate 4,300 towards the Sooke Philharmonic Society music concert dedicated to youth project

Greater Victoria Film Commission:

To allocate \$1,000 towards the Greater Victoria Film Commission project to photograph Sooke locations and urge the Greater Victoria Film Commission to make a presentation to Council.

Sooke Amateur Boxing Club:

To allocate \$2,500 to the Sooke Boxing Club for the upgrade and replacement of equipment.

Sooke Community Choir:

To allocate \$5,000 towards the Sooke Community Choir 20th Anniversary Upgrade project.

EMCS Environmental Studies Program:

To allocate a total \$4000 to the EMCS Environmental Studies Program on the condition that \$1,000 be used towards materials and \$3,000 be used towards the restoration project at a location in Sooke determined by District of Sooke staff.

Juan de Fuca Marine Rescue Society:

To reduce the requested amount of \$25,000 to \$15,000 to the Juan de Fuca Marine Rescue Society for the purchase of safety equipment.

Sooke Street Festival:

To allocate \$4,000 towards the Sooke Street Festival conditional to finalizing a date for the event.

EKOOS Vocal Ensemble:

To allocate \$2,000 towards the enhancement of EKOOS Vocal Ensemble's existing program.

Sooke Region Volunteer Centre Steering Committee:

To allocate \$1,500 towards the “needs assessment” for the Sooke Region Volunteer Centre Steering Committee.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

David Mallett
Chair

Bonnie Sprinkling
Corporate Officer