

Date: April 15, 2008



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Vancouver Sport Hosting Grant: 2008 Allocations & Changes to the Grant Options

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board receive this report for information

POLICY

There is no applicable policy.

BACKGROUND

On July 13, 2006 Council approved a Sport Hosting Policy and Sport Hosting Grant Program effective January 1, 2007 to support a range of sporting events not eligible under the Hosting BC program. \$100,000 in grants is available per year for each year between 2007 and 2009 to support Sport Hosting Grant applicants.

Council approved grants totaling \$46,000 at its meeting on May 1, 2007 and \$44,562.30 was paid out to two organizations. While there was a second intake period in 2007, no further grant applications were received and the remaining program funding was carried forward to 2008.

DISCUSSION

Attached is the Council report outlining the first recommendations on 2008 Vancouver Sport Hosting Grants (see Appendix I). The recommendations reflect a careful and considered process of the Review Panel members, against the policy and guidelines provided by Council.

The report also recommends Council approve changes to the Community Sport Event Grant option. The Community Sport Event Grant was initially set up to offset direct city service costs to a maximum of \$1,000. It is proposed to change this grant to increase the maximum grant available to \$5,000 and provide funding for direct operating costs meeting the criteria outlined under the Major Sport Event Grant (not just direct city service costs). It is hoped these changes will increase applications for these grants and more effectively provide the support to community sport events envisioned in the original report to Council.

SUMMARY

Council is requested to approve the recommendations of the attached report on the 2008 Vancouver Sport Hosting Grant program.

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