

Topic: Carvel Ukrainian Cultural Society – Major Capital Grant Request

Introduction:

As per Policy C-RP03, Carvel Ukrainian Cultural Society's request for \$100,000 under the Sustainability Grant – Major Capital Project for their facility expansion and upgrades is being presented to Council for consideration.

Background Information:

The Carvel Ukrainian Cultural Society is a small yet active Community Association, playing host to a wide variety of programs and special events throughout the year. However, the size of the hall and the lack of barrier free washrooms continues to pose challenges both by limiting the programming capacity and also by restricting the ability of some to access the hall.

The original hall was constructed in 1935, with additions being completed in 1970. Since that time, the Community Association has done its best to manage and work through the facility's limitations. They are now at a point where they would like to upgrade and expand the washrooms, making them barrier-free as well as adding on a multi-use space which will add to the capacity of hosting programs and events, especially for smaller groups. In-depth details of the project can be found in the attached grant application.

The total project cost is estimated at \$480,000. Carvel Ukrainian Cultural Society will be contributing \$60,000 towards the costs, and will be applying for the remainder through various grants, as outlined in the grant application.

Analysis:

Administration has been involved with the Carvel Ukrainian Cultural Society through the provision of information and referrals, and other assistance as required. The Community Development Coordinator assigned to them has been kept apprised of the progress regularly and will continue until project completion.

Should Council approve the funding being requested, the project would commence in April, 2016 and is anticipated to be completed by November, 2016.

Alternatives:

1. Council could approve funding at a different value.
2. Council could choose to not approve funding for this initiative.

Conclusion/Summary:

Administration is recommending approval of the funding request. Carvel Ukrainian Cultural Society has done a significant amount of background work in relation to this project, and has been active in seeking other funding sources to assist in the project's completion. The project meets all requirements under the Sustainability Grant – Major Capital and Administration will continue to work the Community Association until the project reaches completion.

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