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CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD
Notice of a Meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2015
following a meeting of the Hospital District Board which commences at 1:30 pm
in the Board Room, 6th Floor, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

4 PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

4.1 Delegation: Colin Nielsen re item 5.12

5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Sept. 2, 2015

5.13 Urban Wildlife Stewardship Society Funding Request



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**REPORT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2015**

SUBJECT Urban Wildlife Stewardship Society Funding Request

ISSUE

The Urban Wildlife Stewardship Society (UWSS) is requesting a grant-in-aid of \$35,000 to assist in running a deer management pilot project in Oak Bay.

BACKGROUND

Representatives from the UWSS initially made a presentation to the Planning and Transportation Committee on July 22, 2015, and a funding request to the Capital Regional District (CRD) was discussed.

The CRD received a grant-in-aid request from the UWSS on August 4, 2015 (attached as Appendix 1).

At its August 12, 2015 meeting, the CRD Board passed the following motions:

“That staff be directed to continue to manage wildlife services, as necessary, at an operational level by various line departments, and that an ongoing service not be established for deer; and

“That staff report back to the Board with recommendations regarding an ongoing consolidated wildlife management service once each division has reported out on their wildlife management activities to their respective Committees and obtained feedback as to whether there is an ongoing need for each service”.

The CRD Board currently has a “no regional grant-in-aid” policy.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That the CRD Board not support the funding request as the Board has a “no regional grant-in-aid” policy in place and there is no CRD deer management service.
2. That a one-time grant funding through regional grant-in-aid to the Urban Wildlife Stewardship Society in the amount of \$35,000 be approved.

FUNDING IMPLICATIONS

Although the CRD Board has a “no regional grant-in-aid” policy, an exception was made to this policy in 2012 when the Board approved a one-time regional grant-in-aid contribution of \$1.2 million to the Island Corridor Foundation.

With no plans to establish a deer management service, the CRD’s current role with respect to deer management is limited to sharing lessons learned from the already completed CRD pilot project.

In the absence of a CRD deer service the CRD Board would have to make an exception to its “no regional grant-in-aid” policy to support this funding request.

CONCLUSION

The UWSS has requested \$35,000 in funding from the Capital Regional District for a deer management pilot project. With no CRD service to support this request and a “no regional grant-in-aid policy”, it is recommended that the CRD Board not approve the UWSS funding request.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance Committee receives this report and recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That it not support the funding request as the CRD Board has a “no regional grant-in-aid” policy in place and there is no CRD deer management service.

Submitted by:	Rajat Sharma, MBA, CPA, CMA, Senior Manager, Financial Services
Concurrence:	Diana E. Lokken, CPA, CMA, General Manager, Finance and Technology
Concurrence:	Robert Lapham, MCIP, RPP, Chief Administrative Officer

RS:sb

Appendix 1: Application for funding for the Urban Wildlife Stewardship Society

Erich Nahser-Ringer

From: CRDBoard
Subject: FW: application for funding for the Urban Wildlife Stewardship Society
Attachments: SKMBT_60115072813140.pdf; _Certification_.txt; request to CRD for grant, July 31.doc

CRD EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Received

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-----Original Message-----

From: kilpatrick [mailto:kilpatrick@telus.net]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2015 1:40 PM
To: Sonia Santarossa
Cc: Sheila Norton
Subject: application for funding for the Urban Wildlife Stewardship Society

Dear Ms. Santarossa,

Attached please find an application for funding from the Urban Wildlife Stewardship Society along with a letter explaining the process as it has been explained to me by Ms. Sheila Norton.

I would appreciate if this letter and application could also be forwarded to Director Dave Howe and Director John Ranns as Chair and Vice Chair of the Finance Committee.

If it would be useful, we would be able to attend the next Finance Committee Meeting which I understand is the first Wednesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. I am presuming there will be a meeting on August 5.

Thank you in advance for your time. Please let me know if you require any further information from us.

Sincerely,

Kristy Kilpatrick
Vice President
Urban Wildlife Stewardship Society

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July 31, 2015

Dear Mayor Finall,

The Urban Wildlife Stewardship Society would like to thank you for your encouraging and supportive words subsequent to our presentation to the Planning, Transportation and Protection Services Committee on July 22, 2015.

As a result of the suggestion and support voiced by a number of the Directors and yourself, we are applying to the CRD for a grant of \$35,000 to help run a pilot project in Oak Bay that will include immono-contraception along with public education and human-deer conflict reduction. This project is already reaching into numerous other CRD communities and will provide information that will inform the entire region.

In the process of preparing a Grant-In-Aid application, we have learned through CRD staff that we don't easily fit into any existing service or electoral area, and that therefore they will need direction from the PTPS Committee on how best to facilitate the granting of our financial request.

Understanding that we don't fit neatly into a particular category, it seems to us that a likely service that the UWSS may fall under would be under Parks and Environmental Services, specifically the Environmental Partnerships, Environmental Outreach and Education, or, Environmental Protection.

It was suggested to me by Ms. Sheila Norton that we should submit our Grant-In Aid application to you as a basis of information, along with this letter, in order for the PTPS Committee to be able to provide direction to staff on how best for the UWSS to access funding.

I am also cc'ing this letter and application to Director Dave Howe and Director John Ranns as Chair and Vice Chair of the Finance Committee.

Thank you very much for your time,

Kristy Kilpatrick
Vice President
Urban Wildlife Stewardship Society

**Capital Regional District
Grant-In-Aid
Application Form**

[Revised November 16, 2012]

CRD GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION FORM

Application Submitted By

Name and Address of Applicant: Urban Wildlife Stewardship Society
Box #157 - 2017 Cadboro Bay Road
Victoria BC V8R 5G4

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Email address

Contact(s): Kristy Kilpatrick 250-370-5022 250-598-0417
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Email address

Application Summary

Project or purpose for which you require assistance:

To conduct and evaluate a scientific evidence-based contraception program on Oak Bay's urban black-tailed deer population, using the vaccine SpayVac. To collect and share science based biological & ecological information for future management efforts.

Amount of grant requested \$ 35,000.00

To the best of my knowledge, all of the information that is provided in this application is true and correct. Furthermore, I hereby certify that this application for assistance is:

- NOT being made on behalf of an industrial, commercial, or business undertaking
- NOT available for the personal benefit of any individual, proprietor, member or shareholder

Kilpatrick
(signature of authorized signatory)

Vice President
(title)

Kristy Kilpatrick
(print name)

Applicant Profile

1. Please describe the services / benefits that your organization provides to the community. Are these services / benefits available to the community from another organization or agency?

The UWSS is helping to reduce human-deer conflict by providing citizens with accurate and factual information and support on how to co-exist with wildlife in our community, reducing fears of conflict and frustration. We have initiated an advertising and sign campaign to remind people of the need to slow down in areas where deer are known to be, and are planning community information/education workshops in conjunction with the BCSPCA. While there has been some public education provided through the RDMS, our intent is to ensure education is effective and ongoing through a variety of channels. Our project will also demonstrate a non-lethal approach to deer population management by stabilizing and reducing the deer population in Oak Bay through the use of the Immuno-contraceptive SpayVac.

2. Describe the geographic area that receives services or benefits from your organization.

Initially Oak Bay Municipality. However, there is an apparent demand to manage deer in a humane manner in other urban and rural municipalities (and islands) within the CRD. Information about our program is already being sought by residents and elected officials in Victoria, Saanich, Esquimalt and the western communities.

3. Is your organization voluntary and non-profit? NO YES

Please detail any remuneration paid, or funds otherwise made available to members, officers, etc. of your organization.

The UWSS is 100% volunteer based and no remuneration in any form is paid to its officers or members.

Please indicate the number of members / volunteers in your organization and how long your organization has been in operation.

Board of Directors - 6

Science Advisory Group - 4

Volunteers - 7 (specific roles such as communications, advisory, fundraising, graphic design)

Volunteers - numerous people have signed up through our website to volunteer on an as need basis (is placing signs, fundraising, preparing materials)

A Certificate of Incorporation was issued under the BC Society Act April 8th, 2015.

Project / Proposal Profile

1. Assistance is being requested for:
 - capital project and / or equipment
 - special event
 - other purpose (a project for the humane management of CRD deer populations)

2. Please describe the proposal for which you are requesting assistance. Attach additional information if required.

Upon receipt of provincial and federal permits, the UWSS will begin the contraception component of our program. It will involve our contractor, TerraMar Inc (leading an experienced team and working in conjunction with our Science Advisory Group) setting and baiting modified clover traps on private property. The does will be injected with the SpayVac vaccine and a visual tag clipped into each ear for tracking purposes, one that identifies them as vaccinated, and another for field identification. Any bucks trapped will be ear tagged and released, in order to track their movement patterns as well. The deer will be carefully released and monitored both immediately and over time. Citizen science will be utilized to help track the movements of deer and allow for meaningful estimates of deer numbers in sectors of the municipality. Grid counts will also be undertaken.

Another objective is to effectively emphasize the importance of public education that can lead to a change in human attitudes and behaviours, and reduce human-deer conflict. We are demonstrating that education provided through a variety of channels and over a sustained period of time, such as we have already begun through a "drive safe" campaign, is an important and necessary mitigation step about which insufficient attention was paid prior to the 2015 deer cull in Oak Bay.

3. Please describe how this proposal will benefit the community.

This proposal will benefit Oak Bay and other municipalities by providing the communities with missing information necessary to make decisions on managing a deer population and reducing human-deer conflict.

Over time we hope to show that immuno-contraception can stabilize and eventually reduce annual recruitment of fawns to the population, with minimal "compensatory immigration" of animals from adjacent communities.

Effective and ongoing public education will reduce anxiety and frustration with deer. With the scientific information that will be collected, along with public education and the engagement of citizen science, Oak Bay and other communities will be able to shift from controversial and divisive methods of attempting to manage urban deer to one that addresses the complaints of some by stabilizing and reducing the population, but through a humane and non-lethal approach - many find a lethal cull unacceptable.

Funding and Financial Information

1. Attach supporting financial information, i.e., budget / financial report. Ensure the following information is clearly itemized;
 - o project budget,
 - o grants / funding from other sources,
 - o funding contributed by applicant through fund raising activities or other sources of revenue and,
 - o financial statement that itemizes total expenses for the fiscal year, including any monies and/or benefits paid to members or officers.

2. Have you applied for a grant / funding from another source(s)? NO YES

If yes, complete the following chart. *If no*, please explain _____

Name of Grant or Funding Agency	\$ Amount Applied For	Status of Grant Application		
		Approved (Y)	Denied (Y)	Pending (Y)
District of Oak Bay	\$ 2,500.00	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. Have you received assistance (grant in aid / waiving of fees, etc.) from the CRD in previous years?

NO YES..... *If yes*, please complete the following chart.

Year	\$ Amount	Purpose for which assistance was used :

4. Does your organization:

Offer direct financial assistance to individuals or families? Yes No

Provide services that fall within the mandate of either
a senior government or a local service agency? Yes No

Provide an opportunity for individuals to make direct
Contributions to the project (e.g., fundraising for the project)? Yes No

Or, is your organization:

part of a Provincial or National fund raising campaign? Yes No

The information provided in Section 4 is for data collection purposes.

Followup:

Please refer to Page 6 of the *Grant-In-Aid - Application Completion Guide* regarding the following:

1. Acknowledgement

2. Reporting

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	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15
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Revenue	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15
Donations raised	2,948	610	1,120			5,000		9,678
Donations pledged/to be raised				1,774	4,274		4,274	10,322
Municipal - Oak Bay				2,500	2,500			5,000
CRD					10,000	10,000	15,000	35,000
Province								0
								<u>\$60,000</u>
Expenses								
Start-up	694	1,723	1,188	565	562	560	600	5,892
Regulatory Issues & Planning				5,200	8,200	3,000		16,400
Implementation	694	1,723	1,188	5,765	5,100	10,800	10,800	37,500
					13,862	14,360	11,400	<u>\$59,792</u>
Net Cash Flow	2,254	1,141	1,073	-418	2,494	3,134	11,008	\$208

Assumptions: Contractors are paid net 30 days

Urban Wildlife Stewardship Society
 Immunocontraceptive Pilot Project Budget - Fall 2015
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Revenue		
Donations & Pledges (to Oct'15)	20,000	
Municipal (Oak Bay)	5,000	
CRD	35,000	
Province	?	
		60,000
Expenses		
Start-up		
BC Society fees	350	
D&O insurance	975	
Launch	100	
Office	244	
Education (signs, OB News ads & rack cards)	4,263	
		5,932
Regulatory Issues & Planning		
Labour		
Project leaders (15 days @ \$800/day)	12,000	
Local veterinarian (4 hr @ \$125)	500	
Equipment and Supplies		
Federal Permit Health Canada ESC)	3,000	
BC Permit	150	
Misc equipment & supplies	250	
Travel	500	
		16,400
Implementation		
Labour		
Project leaders (25 days @ \$800/day)	20,000	
Field assistants (4x10 days @ \$200/day)	8,000	
Local veterinarian (8 hr @ \$125)	1,000	
Equipment and Supplies		
SpayVac Vaccine (25 doses @ \$250)	6,250	
Immobilization drugs	1,000	
Ear tags	250	
Maintenance on borrowed traps	500	
Travel	500	
		37,500
Surplus (deficit)		<u><u>\$168</u></u>

Assumptions: 25 female deer exist in OB that can captured, treated and tagged prior to 01NO15
 traps provided free of charge from BC Gov't
 cameras can be borrowed from CRD
 captured bucks will be tagged and released
 all other scientific activities related to this project will be externally funded
 public funding gaps may need to be offset by additional fundraising activities