



COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: Deputy City Manger

SUBJECT: Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants – Summer 2023 Intake

Recommendations

- A. THAT Council approve seven Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants totaling \$39,300 from the 2023 Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Program Budget to the organizations listed in Table 1 of this Report for the amount set out beside their names.
- B. THAT the grants in Recommendation A be subject to each grant recipient agreeing to the terms and conditions of the City's Community Sport Hosting Grant Program, as generally outlined in this report and otherwise satisfactory to the Director, Sport Hosting Vancouver and the City's Director of Legal Service Solicitor.
- C. THAT Council delegates its authority to negotiate and execute the grant agreements dispersing the grants to the recipients described in Recommendation A to the Director, Sport Hosting Vancouver.
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations are created by the approval of the Recommendations A, B, and C above unless and until the grant agreement is executed and delivered by the grant recipient.
- E. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council deems the organizations listed in Table 1 that are not otherwise a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency to be an organization contributing to the culture, beautification, health, or welfare of the City.

Approval of Recommendation A constitutes a grant and therefore requires an affirmative vote of at least-two-thirds of all of Council pursuant to Section 206(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*.

Purpose and Executive Summary

This report recommends approval of 7 Vancouver Community Sport Event Grant applications totalling \$39,300. The 2023 Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grant budget is \$235,021. This Summer 2023 cycle of grant application intakes will be the second of three intakes over 2023, with the third and final intake of the year to take place in Q4-2023.

Council Authority/Previous Decisions

An overview of previous Council decisions related to Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grants are contained in Appendix A.

City Manager's Comments

The City Manager concurs with the foregoing recommendations.

Context and Background

The Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Program is comprised of the Community Sport Event Grant stream and the Community Sport Champions Recognition Grant stream, both supporting non-profit community sport organizations in the City of Vancouver.

1. Community Sport Event Grants

Community Sport Event Grants provide financial support for sporting events that have the potential to bring direct or indirect economic, social, health and community development benefits to the City of Vancouver. Amounts are distributed annually to support local, regional, and new sport event initiatives. Application intake and eligibility guidelines can be found [here](#).

2. Community Sport Champions Recognition Grants

Community Sport Champions Recognition Grants recognize and celebrate the non-profit organizations and their representatives who are making sport accessible in the City of Vancouver. This stream offers grants to advance the efforts and accomplishments of organizations and recognize the people behind those organizations who deliver sport and physical activity to make a positive impact in our community, while aligning with City Council's key priority areas, including but not limited to, gender equity, reconciliation and affordability.

Awards are directed to a certain theme or interest based on City Council priorities and initiatives within that cycle. The chosen theme for 2022-2023 focuses on the recognition of local Indigenous Sport Champions from Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations (MST) and the Urban Native Youth Association (UNYA). More information and list of past recipients can be found [here](#).

Discussion

All Vancouver Community Sport Event Grant applications are reviewed by a panel comprised of representatives from the Park Board, City of Vancouver and other key stakeholders in the sport hosting community.

This report recommends 7 Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants for which applications were received in Summer 2023, under the [approved guidelines](#).

Overview of Local/Regional Sport Events

A brief description of each of the recommended events listed in Table 1 is contained in Appendix A.

**TABLE 1. RECOMMENDED VANCOUVER COMMUNITY
SPORT EVENT GRANT ALLOCATIONS, SPRING 2023 INTAKE**

Organization	Event	Date	Location	# of participants	Grant Recommended
1. Tsleil-Waututh Nation	Whey-ah-Wichen Canoe Festival	July 7-9, 2023	Cates Park / Whey-ah-Wichen, North Vancouver	500	\$10,000
2. BC Summer Swimming Association (BCSSA)	2024 BCSSA Provincial Championships	August 13–18, 2024	UBC Aquatic Centre, Vancouver	1,500	\$7,500
3. UBC Weightlifting and Powerlifting Club	UBC Weightlifting and Powerlifting Championship	January 20, 2024	UBC AMS Nest	50	\$2,300
4. BC School Sports	'A' Boys Volleyball	November 30 – December 3, 2023	2 Schools: Vancouver Christian & Lions Gate Christian	220	\$ 2,000
5. BC School Sports	Boys Football Provincials (AA & AAA)	November 25 & December 2, 2023	BC Place	500	\$5,000
6. BC School Sports	Wrestling Provincials	February 22-24, 2024	Pacific Coliseum	470	\$7,500
7. BC Summer Provincials for Swimming	2023 BC Summer Provincial Championships	July 13 – 16, 2023	UBC Aquatic Centre	600	\$5,000
Total					\$39,300

Financial Implications

The recommended Community Sport Hosting Event Grants will be funded from the 2023 Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Program Budget as detailed below.

TABLE 2. VANCOUVER COMMUNITY SPORT EVENT GRANTS, FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Program Stream	2023 Budget	Previously Approved Disbursements	Current Report Recommended Disbursements	2023 Balance Remaining
Community Sport Event Grant Program	\$235,021	\$74,300	\$39,300	\$121,421
Total	\$235,021	\$74,300	\$39,300	\$121,421

CONCLUSION

The Vancouver Community Sport Event Grant review panel recommends that Council approve 7 grants totalling \$39,300 as outlined in the body of this report. The recommendations are the product of a comprehensive and thoughtful review process consistent with the policy and guidelines approved by Council. This is the second of three application intakes for fiscal 2023.

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APPENDIX A **COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

This appendix provides an overview of previous Council decisions related to Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grants:

2004: Council approved a policy statement in support of celebrations, sporting events and special events: “Council welcomes celebrations and special events for their contribution in making Vancouver a vibrant City, in reflecting our cultural diversity and neighbourhood character, and for economic, cultural and recreational benefits they bring to the City. Council supports the facilitation of these events by staff, encourages mitigation of short-term disruptions in neighbourhoods and encourages cities to welcome these activities and to participate in them.”

2006: Council approved a Sport Hosting Policy and Sport Hosting Grant Program effective January 1, 2007, with annual funding of \$200,000 to support a range of sporting events.

2008: Council adopted the Vancouver Sport Strategy as a guide to the City’s future initiatives and engagement with sport programs, facilities and events.

2011: Council approved revisions to the Sport Hosting Grant Program guidelines to improve the effectiveness of the grant and better serve local sport organizations.

2015: Council adopted the Sport Hosting Vancouver Action Plan, and approved the creation of the Sport Tourism Development Fund with funding of \$1.0 million over 2 years as the City’s commitment to this Fund which will support MAJOR sport events that advance the Sport Hosting Vancouver Action Plan goals. In that same decision, Council approved the change of name from the City’s current ‘Sport Hosting Grant Program’ to the ‘Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grant Program’, and directed staff to review the program and provide recommendations for any changes necessary to enhance the grant program. This grant program has an ongoing annual Operating Budget funding of \$200,000.

2016: Council approved revisions to the ‘Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grant Program’, expanding the type of events that are eligible for funding at a community level, including Local or Regional Sport Tournaments, New Sport Event Initiatives, and Annual Sport Events.

2019: Council approved the recommendations for the City Participation in Women Deliver 2019 Conference (RTS 12946) including approval of the allocation of \$35,000 from the 2019 Sport Hosting Program budget to launch the new program stream of “Community Sport Champions Recognition” that will align with the themed Women Deliver objectives. Each year, the theme of the recognition program will change.

Approval of grant recommendations requires eight affirmative votes.

APPENDIX B

OVERVIEW OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL SPORT EVENTS GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS SPRING 2023 INTAKE

This appendix provides a brief description of each of the recommended events listed in Table 1 of this report.

1. **Tsleil-Waututh Nation – Whey-ah-Wichen Canoe Festival:** This annual event attracts Indigenous canoe teams from across the south-west coast of BC and Washington. The Canoe club is a proactive way to foster wellness as it provides connection to culture, tradition and healing.
2. **BC Summer Swimming Association – 2024 BCSSA Provincial Championships:** The BCSSA Championships are the largest aquatics meet in the province. Each year over 1500 athletes between the ages of 7 and 18, representing all regions of the Province, compete in the four disciplines (water polo, artistic swimming, diving and speed swimming).
3. **UBC Weightlifting and Powerlifting Club – UBC New Year’s Powerlifting Championship:** The UBC New Year’s Powerlifting Championships provides young powerlifters in BC with a first-time, friendly event that includes host information sessions to better equip first time competitors. The competition includes athlete briefings, weigh-ins, drug testing and an awards ceremony.
4. **BC School Sports: ‘A’ Boys Volleyball:** The best teams from small schools from across the province will gather to showcase their skills and compete for the provincial title. This championship is specifically dedicated to the 'A' boys tier, which comprises small schools with 80 or fewer boys in grades 11 and 12. Teams represent nine distinct geographic regions within the province.
5. **BC School Sports: Boys Football Provincials (AA & AAA):** The High School Football Provincial Championships is a thrilling event that showcases the finest football talent from across the province. Held under the dome at BC Place, this championship brings together teams competing in the AA, AAA, and Grade 8 divisions, each vying for the ultimate bragging rights and a chance to be crowned provincial champions. Teams from all corners of the province converge, representing their respective schools and communities with pride. On the final day of the championship, the excitement reaches its peak as the best players from all teams across the province come together for an epic All-Star Game. This exhibition match brings together the most talented athletes, allowing them to showcase their skills and compete alongside each other.
6. **BC School Sports: Wrestling Provincials:** This prestigious event showcases the extraordinary skill, strength, and determination of the province's finest wrestlers. With a lineup of 29 weight classes, consisting of 17 weight classes for boys and 12 weight classes for girls, this tournament promises an action-packed display of athleticism and technique. The Wrestling Provincial Championships have experienced a significant surge in popularity, with the previous edition witnessing a remarkable 20% increase in participation numbers. This surge reflects the growing interest and passion for the sport, as more and more young athletes are drawn to the challenges and rewards that wrestling offers.
7. **BC Summer Provincials for Swimming: 2023 Summer Provincial Championships:** This is an annual long course provincial championship meet which offers over 30 events to 4 age

groups 11-12, 13 -14, 15-16, 17 & 0 as well events for para swimmers are also offered every day. BC is the home to some of the best swimmers in the country. The swimmers have time standards that they have to meet to be able to swim at this event. I have attached our Sanctioned Meet Package for additional details on what is offered and where