



REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services
SUBJECT: Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants – Spring 2024 Intake

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT Council approve 16 Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants totaling \$89,000 from the 2024 Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grant 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 General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services or their designate and the City's Director of Legal Services.
- 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 General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services or their designate.
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations are created by the approval of the Recommendations A through C above unless and until the grant agreement is executed and delivered by the grant recipient and the City.
- E. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council deems the organizations listed in Table 1 that are not charities registered with the 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*.

REPORT SUMMARY

This report recommends approval of 16 Vancouver Community Sport Event Grant applications totalling \$89,000. The 2024 Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grant budget is \$239,721. This Spring 2024 intake is the first of three intakes in the 2024 fiscal year.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

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

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager concurs with the foregoing recommendations.

REPORT

Background/Context

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 on the City of Vancouver's website [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 2024 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 on the City of Vancouver's website [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 16 Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants for which applications were received in Spring 2024, 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 2024 INTAKE**

| Organization | Event | Date | Grant Recommended |
|--|---|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Tennis - British Columbia | U14 Fischer Junior Indoor Nationals | Apr. 1-7, 2024 | \$2,500 |
| 2. False Creek Canoe Society | FCRCC Knockout Regatta | May 11, 2024 | \$2,500 |
| 3. Tennis – British Columbia | 2024 BC Masters Provincials | May 25 – Jun 2, 2024 | \$5,000 |
| 4. Mable League Women's Fastpitch League Association | The LIL Tournament | May 31 – Jun 2, 2024 | \$4,000 |
| 5. Musqueam Indian Band | Celtic Sunset Canoe Race | Jun. 8-9, 2024 | \$10,000 |
| 6. Tsleil-Waututh Nation | 2024 Whey-ah-Wichen Canoe Festival | Jun. 28-30, 2024 | \$10,000 |
| 7. Last Man Stands Canada DEI Foundation | LMS Canadian University Championships (Cricket) | Jul-Sept 2024 | \$7,500 |
| 8. Tennis – British Columbia | J100 Stanley Park Open ITF | Jul. 6-13, 2024 | \$7,500 |
| 9. BC Wheelchair Sports Association | 2024 Vancouver International Wheelchair Tennis Tournament | Jul. 11-14, 2024 | \$4,000 |
| 10. Volleyball BC | 2024 Vancouver Open Beach Volleyball Tournament | Jul. 12-14, 2024 | \$5,000 |
| 11. Royal Canadian Golf Association (Golf Canada) | 2024 Canadian Junior Girls Golf Championships (U19) | Jul. 21-25, 2024 | \$7,500 |
| 12. Vancouver Frontrunners Club | Vancouver Pride Run & Walk | Jul 28, 2024 | \$5,000 |
| 13. Volleyball BC | Volleyball BC Beach Provincial Championships (youth) | Aug. 2-4, 2024 | \$5,000 |
| 14. Volleyball BC | Volleyball BC Beach Provincial Championships (adult) | Aug. 9-11, 2024 | \$5,000 |

| Organization | Event | Date | Grant Recommended |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 15. The Vancouver Basketball Foundation | Ball for All Youth 3x3 Tournament | Aug. 17, 2024 | \$3,500 |
| 16. Volleyball Canada | 14U-16U Beach Volleyball Nationals | Aug. 22-25, 2024 | \$5,000 |
| TOTAL | | | \$89,000 |

Financial Implications

The recommended Community Sport Hosting Event Grants will be funded from the 2024 Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Program Budget as detailed below.

TABLE 2. VANCOUVER COMMUNITY SPORT EVENT GRANTS, FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

| Program Stream | 2024 Budget | Previously Approved Grants | Current Report Recommended Grants | 2024 Balance Remaining |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Community Sport Event Grant Program | \$239,721 | | \$89,000 | \$150,721 |
| Total | \$239,721 | | \$89,000 | \$150,721 |

Legal Implications

There are no legal implications.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that Council approve 16 grants totalling \$89,000 as outlined in the body of this report. The recommendations are aligned with the recommendations of the Vancouver Community Sport Event Grant review panel and the product of a comprehensive review process consistent with the policy and guidelines approved by Council. This is the first of three application intakes for fiscal 2024.

APPENDIX A

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

This appendix provides an overview of previous Council decisions related to 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 TOURNAMENT
GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS, SPRING 2024 INTAKE

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

1. **U14 Fischer Junior Indoor Nationals (*Tennis – British Columbia*):** U14 Fischer Junior Indoor Nationals: The championship draws up to 40 boys and 40 girls from across the country. This event is a representation of the best level of junior tennis in each province and serves as a great learning opportunity for youth to improve their game and take it to the next level.
2. **FCRCC Knockout Regatta (*False Creek Canoe Society*):** The annual FCRCC 200m Knockout Dragon Boat races on False Creek. All teams will get 4 to 6 heats of racing, and in 2024 the event will now include a dedicated women's division, permitting women to participate in both the adult mixed and/or female teams.
3. **2024 BC Master Provincials (*Tennis – British Columbia*):** The premier tennis event for senior players in BC. The event attracts players between the ages of 30-85 from all over the province and provides national ranking points to go to the Tennis Canada National Championships.
4. **The LIL Tournament (*Mable League Women's Fastpitch League Association*):** The Mable League has hosted the LIL (formerly the Lesbian Information Line) annual tournament for more than 30 years. The league was formed in 1990 by a group of racialized lesbians seeking an empowering and inclusive sport environment in which to play softball. They welcome queer-identifying teams from around the province to participate in a unique and inclusive tournament.
5. **2024 Celtic Sunset Canoe Races – (*Musqueam Indian Band*):** This is the fourth annual race which is revitalizing the traditional practices of canoe races which was first held on the early 1900s with some interruption until the 1970s. The Canoe club is a proactive way to foster wellness as it provides connection to culture, tradition and healing. The event hosts First Nations from across British Columbia and the United States.
6. **2024 Whey-ah-Wichen Canoe Festival (*Tsleil-Waututh Nation*):** The Whey-ah-Wichen Canoe Festival is an annual canoe race hosted by Tsleil-Waututh Nation and is the most important sporting event in their calendar. The 3 day event attracts 17 Indigenous canoe teams from across the south-west coast of BC and Washington, and in 2023 hosted 49 races for adults, 50+ and youth divisions.
7. **LMS Canadian University Cricket Championships (*Last Man Stands Canada DEI Foundation*):** The Last Man Stands University Cricket Championships is an 8 team tournament competing in a comprehensive round-robin format, leading to a total of 28 dynamic round matches. Each match will be conducted in the LMS T20 Format, ensuring a captivating and concise cricketing spectacle, complete with live streaming, live scoring, professional umpiring and a closing award ceremony.

8. **2024 J100 Stanley Park Open ITF (Tennis – British Columbia):** The Stanley Park Open is in its 92nd year and is one of the highest level international events in Western Canada hosting over 250 participants.
9. **2024 Vancouver International Wheelchair Tennis Tournament (BC Wheelchair Sports Association):** The Vancouver International Wheelchair Tennis Tournament is a 4-day tournament held at the Kitsilano Beach Tennis Courts. The tournament hosts 4 divisions of competition (Men's Open, Women's Open, Quads and Juniors) and both singles and doubles events in each division. The tournament attracts players from several nations and provides a high level competition for British Columbians and Canadians to prepare for Paralympic level events.
10. **2024 Vancouver Open Beach Volleyball Tournament (Volleyball BC):** The Vancouver Open stands as the flagship event of The Beach Tour. Now entering its 31st year, the 3 day extravaganza showcases the finest talent in beach volleyball drawing competitors from Canada, North America and beyond. The main draw features 48 men's and women's teams, in addition a youth tournament is run simultaneously with a dedicated 14U and 16U division.
11. **2024 Canadian Junior Girls (U19) Golf Championships (Royal Canadian Golf Association – Golf Canada):** The 2024 Canadian Junior Girls Championships marks the 69th year it has been hosted, and will be the first time returning to BC since the 2011 Championship that was previously hosted at Quilchena Golf & Country Club. The champion of the Canadian Junior Girls receives an exemption into the Canadian Women's Amateur Championships and the US Junior Girls Championship.
12. **2024 Vancouver Pride Run & Walk (Vancouver Frontrunners Club):** The Vancouver Pride Run & Walk is an annual event held in Vancouver each summer in the weeks just ahead of the city's 2SLGBTQIA+ Pride celebration. The event includes a 10km run, and a 5km run or walk, concluding with a post-race celebration and awards ceremony.
13. **2024 Youth Beach Volleyball Provincial Championships (Volleyball BC):** One of the largest youth beach volleyball events in the province, hosting over 250 athletes from all regions of BC aged U13-U19 at Spanish Banks East.
14. **2024 Adult Beach Volleyball Provincial Championships (Volleyball BC):** Volleyball BC's Adult Beach Provincial will be hosted in collaboration during the annual KitsFest, bringing an increased profile to the festival and enhanced environment to attract more adult participants for the championships.
15. **Ball for All Youth 3x3 Tournament (The Vancouver Basketball Foundation):** The fourth annual Ball For All™ Youth 3x3 Basketball Tournament is a one-day event focused on inclusion and bringing together athletes of all ages, skill levels, abilities and genders to enjoy the game of basketball and encourage an active and healthy lifestyle at David Lam Park outdoor courts.
16. **14U-16U Beach Volleyball Nationals (Volleyball Canada):** The national beach volleyball championships in Canada for 14U-16U with 70+ youth teams competing from across the country to be crowned the National Champion. The championship is key part of the athlete development pathway to the Olympic Games.