



STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 4, 2021

FILE: 0550-04 EASC Reports

TO: Chair and Directors
Electoral Areas Services Committee

FROM: Dave Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

RE: **REQUEST FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING – QUADRA ISLAND OLD AGE PENSIONERS’ ORGANIZATION BRANCH 91 (OAPO)**

PURPOSE/PROBLEM

To consider a request for economic development funding applicable to Electoral Area C.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Bylaw No. 149, being Economic Development Commission Service Conversion Bylaw 2012, authorizes the Regional District to provide financial assistance to organizations for the purpose of promoting, advancing, or supporting activities and initiatives which enhance the economic health and prosperity of Electoral Area C.

SUMMARY

The Strathcona Regional District is in receipt of a request for economic development funding, as detailed on the attached information sheet. From a financial perspective, the request falls within the budget limits currently authorized in the 5-year financial plan. However, it should be noted that, in the absence of any approved policies or guidelines, staff have not undertaken any detailed analysis of the application from an economic development perspective. The Electoral Area C Director has requested that the application be placed before the Board. Accordingly, the application is appropriate for the Board’s consideration of approval and, in that event, the passage of a resolution confirming the awarding of the grant will be required.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.
2. THAT the Committee recommend that the Board approve an economic development grant for the Quadra Island Old Age Pensioners’ Organization Branch 91 (OAPO) in the amount of \$3,500 to assist with operating costs to be paid from the Electoral Area C economic development service budget.

Respectfully:



Dave Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

Prepared by: *E. Watson, Senior Executive Assistant*

Attachments: April 13, 2021 email from Director Abram and request from the OAPO.



Area 'C' Economic Development Grant (2021)

Economic Development Grant 2021 Budget (2020-2024 Approved Financial Plan)	\$ 40,000
<i>Quadra Children's Centre</i>	<i>\$ 4,948.00</i>
<i>Surge Narrows Community Association</i>	<i>\$ 3,100.00</i>
<i>Stuart Island Community Association</i>	<i>\$ 4,000.00</i>
Total approved to date	\$ 12,048
AVAILABLE BALANCE	\$ 27,952

<i>New applications received</i>	
<i>Quadra Island Old Age Pensioners' Organization Branch 91 (OAPO)</i>	<i>\$ 3,500.00</i>
	<i>\$ 3,500</i>
<i>If all new applications are approved, total funds available (overspent):</i>	<i>\$ 24,452</i>

Edith Watson

From: Jim Abram <jimabram@xplornet.ca>
Sent: April 13, 2021 2:07 PM
To: Tom Yates; Edith Watson
Cc: nallwarden@yahoo.com
Subject: Fwd: Grant-In-Aid Request
Attachments: OAPO Grant In Aid Application for 2021.pdf

Hi Tom

Can you please put this request for a GIA from my Economic Development function in the amount of \$3,500 for the OAPO to be paid asap.

Many thanks

Jim

Sent from my iPhone so please excuse my fat fingered response

Begin forwarded message:

From: Nancy Allwarden <nallwarden@yahoo.com>
Date: April 13, 2021 at 1:02:30 PM PDT
To: jimabram@xplornet.ca
Subject: Fw: Grant-In-Aid Request

Hi Jim,

Judy just called me and she can't find this now....she is under a lot of pressure helping a friend who has recently had a stroke, so she asked me to resend it to her which I will do, but I also offered to send it to you so she can take one thing off her list. Attached is our request from the OAPO. And on a personal note...I just want to thank you for the support you have given us over the past years.....our seniors want to keep going so we will do our best to accommodate them.

Kind regards,
Nancy

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Nancy Allwarden <nallwarden@yahoo.com>
To: Judy Hagen <judyhagen@gicable.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021, 03:23:21 p.m. PDT
Subject: Budget Request

Hi Judy,

I guess you should send this to Jim as it is signed by you....

Cheers,
Nancy

Quadra Island Old Age Pensioners' Organization Branch 91 (OAPO)
PO Box 134
Quathiaski Cove, BC
V0P 1N0

April 2, 2021

Mr. Jim Abram
Regional Director, Area C
Strathcona Regional District
Quadra Island, BC

Dear Jim,

This is our formal request for a Grant In Aid for the fiscal year 2021 for the Quadra Island OAPO. The pandemic has all but crippled our 'in person' activities for our seniors and we have incorporated other ways to help keep them engaged, informed and feeling connected. We started having our monthly meetings again, via zoom. At Christmas, with the help of the staff and kitchen at Homewood, we were able to deliver a hot turkey dinner to all of the members except those living in Campbell River. For Valentines, even though the snow tried to kibosh us, we delivered a flowering plant, cookies and other goodies to all members including one in Campbell River. Cards are sent to current and past members for birthday, sickness, sympathy etc. This summer we will hopefully all have had our first vaccination and are hoping that we can come together for one or two barbecue/picnic type outings, while still observing all rules and regulations at that time for social distancing etc. Meanwhile, we are having guest speakers for our zoom meetings and we are still working with our Provincial body to make resolutions and advocate for the provincial good of all seniors.

To this end, we request your assistance with a grant of \$3,500 to enable us to continue with our plans to provide camaraderie, education and pertinent information/assistance to our local seniors in a safe and caring manner. We truly appreciate all your support over the past years for our group. Our proposed budget is attached for your perusal.

If you have any questions with respect to the above, please contact Mrs. Judy Hagen, President, at 250-285-2150.

Respectfully,

Judy Hagen

President, Q.I. O.A.P.O. Br 91
/NA
cc: Wolf Becker, Treasurer

Encl: Budget for 2021

**Quadra Island Old Age Pensioner's Organization
Proposed Budget for 2021**

REVENUE

Membership Fees \$20 x 12	\$240.00	
Interest	10.00	
Strathcona Regional Dist. Grant	\$3,500.00	
Total Revenue		\$3,750.00

EXPENSES

Prov OAPO fees	\$ 160.00	
Bursary	125.00	
Convention Registration	200.00	
Poppy Fund	50.00	
Barbecue - Outings for members	500.00	
Office Supplies (cards, copying, stamps etc)	350.00	
Post Office Box Rental	182.00	
Christmas Dinner	650.00	
Zoom Meetings	250.00	
Insurance (Liability and Directors)	1,200.00	
Contingency	83.00	
Total Expenses		\$3,750.00
Operating (Loss) Gain		.00