
City of Kelowna

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 17, 2005
FILE: 0450-30
TO: City Manager
FROM: Director of Financial Services
RE: Cenotaph Financial Aid Request – Kelowna-Veendam Sister City Assoc.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve a request for financial assistance of \$100,000 from the Kelowna Veendam Sister City Association for Phase 1 of the project to refurbish and improve the cenotaph in City Park.

BACKGROUND:

This project was introduced to Council on November 29, 2004 and a resolution approved to provide financial assistance of \$100,000 contingent on the Kelowna Veendam Sister City Association securing the remaining \$550,000 of the \$650,000 project.

The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General has advised that they cannot provide grant funding where securing of the matching amount is in any way 'contingent'. Time is of the essence in removing the contingent requirement of Council's original approval as grant recommendations are being dealt with concurrently with this report.

Mr. Ed Dickens, President of the Kelowna Veendam Sister City Association has advised that the Association is now looking at completion of the project in phases. The Ministry advises that funding may be applied for in three consecutive years and the applicant has 3 years over which to expend funds. The option then exists for the Association to break the project down into a number of phases, most likely 3, and then fundraise and apply for matching grants for the 2 further phases. The project can proceed at any time depending on how each phase can be structured.

The 2005 Financial Plan includes the total project cost of \$650,000. There is no requirement to amend the plan at this time.

Paul Macklem

Attachments

c.c. Director of Parks & Leisure Services
Financial Planning Manager
Mr. Ed Dickens, Kelowna Veendam Sister City Association