
TO: Oceanside Services Committee **MEETING:** May 16, 2019
FROM: Catherine Morrison
 Manager, Emergency Services **FILE:** 7500-20 RJ CP
SUBJECT: Community Justice Funding

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That the Board approve entering into a five-year agreement to formalize the yearly grant of \$30,000 to the Arrowsmith Community Justice Society.
2. That the Board approve entering into a five-year agreement to formalize the yearly grant of \$34,220 to the Oceanside Community Safety Volunteers.

SUMMARY

D69 Community Justice funding supports Restorative Justice, Victim Services and Community Policing in the Oceanside Communities. The Regional District of Nanaimo ("RDN") has been providing the Arrowsmith Community Justice Society ("ACJS") and the Oceanside Community Safety Volunteers ("OCSV") with yearly funding since the Crime Prevention and Community Justice Support Service was established in 2006. The agreements between the RDN and ACJS and the RDN and OCSV is to formalize this continued funding. The new changes to the GST regulations mean that ACJS and OCSV must have formal agreements indicating that the funding is being provided as a grant from the RDN.

Currently funds are distributed to OCSV and in turn OCSV provides ACJS with a cheque for \$30,000. In 2018, ACJS required documentation from the RDN confirming that the funds provided by OCSV were in fact from the RDN. The formal agreements will provide direct funding to each organization and satisfy the documentation needed for ACJS and OCSV when completing their income tax reporting.

BACKGROUND

The ACJS provides the Oceanside RCMP Restorative Justice services and has been in operation since 1999 after the City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum and the RDN collaborated with the RCMP and crown counsel to develop the program. The program was funded under individual grants from each of the above mentioned local governments.

The OCSV provides the Oceanside RCMP Community Policing services and is an amalgamation of the D69 Citizens on Patrol Society, Community Policing Offices of D69 and D69 Speed Watch programs. The founding organizations were established in the 1990s to engage residents and the Oceanside RCMP.

In 2006, the RDN established a service by Bylaw 1479 known as the Crime Prevention and Community Justice Support Service for the purpose of providing assistance to support crime

prevention and community justice service programs operating in the City of Parksville, the Town of Qualicum and Electoral Areas E, F, G and H.

Under Bylaw 1479, the RDN has been providing funding for three Oceanside RCMP programs. The three programs provide victim services, restorative justice and community policing. In 2018, the RDN entered into a five-year agreement with the Family Resource Association which provides the Oceanside RCMP Victim Services program. ACJS and OCSV are the remaining two organizations that require formal agreements.

The amalgamation of the D69 Community Justice Committee into the Oceanside Services Committee provides an opportunity for the RDN to formalize the agreements for the 2019 tax year with funding being distributed in August. This will alleviate the current challenges faced by ACJS and OCSV when reporting income. The agreements have been drafted modelling the recent victim services agreement and have been sent for a final legal review on April 16, 2019.

ALTERNATIVES

That the Board approve entering into a five-year agreement to formalize the yearly grant of \$30,000 to the Arrowsmith Community Justice Society.

That the Board approve entering into a five-year agreement to formalize the yearly grant of \$34,200 to the Oceanside Community Safety Volunteers.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The funding of \$30,000 per year for the Oceanside RCMP Restorative Justice services operated by the ACJS and the funding of \$34,220 per year for the Oceanside RCMP Community Policing services operated by OCSV are regularly budgeted items and incorporated with the RDN's financial plan.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Focus On Service And Organizational Excellence - We Will Ensure Our Processes Are As Easy To Work With As Possible



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Reviewed by:

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Attachments

1. 2019-2023 Arrowsmith Community Justice Society
2. 2019-2023 Oceanside Community Safety Volunteers