

Report

City of Merritt
REGULAR Council Meeting
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To: Scott Hildebrand, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Sheila Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT
Date: January 31, 2020
Subject: Community Groups providing Contracted Services

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive this report for information.

Background:

During the Grant in Aid process, amounts paid to the following community groups are often brought up; Nicola Valley Women in Action, Nicola Valley Heritage Society and the Nicola Valley Museum and Archives Association.

The purpose of this report is to provide some clarity and details on these arrangements. All three organizations have an agreement with the City to provide a service that is important to the City as a whole.

Nicola Valley Women in Action: \$35,000 per year. This organization runs Victim Services.

Nicola Valley Heritage Society: \$51,111 in 2019. This organization runs the Baillie House and provides tourism information services, allowing the City to meet its requirements for Destination BC funding, in providing a tourism information centre.

Nicola Valley Museum and Archives Association: \$50,000 per year. This organization runs and staffs the Museum, as well as maintains the City's archival history.

All three groups report to the City, either as a delegation at Council or with written reports.

Options / discussion

When the contracts and agreements come up for renewal, Council will be able to make decisions on whether to continue with the current arrangements.

Financial / Risk Implications:

The cost of these arrangements is governed by the agreements in place. Any increases or decisions to not continue with the agreements would be at Council's discretion.

Respectfully submitted,

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