

# Report

**City of Merritt**  
**REGULAR Council Meeting**  
**February 11, 2020**

**File Number: 1851**

**To:** Scott Hildebrand, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Wayne Anderson, Financial Services Manager  
**Date:** February 6, 2020  
**Subject:** Approval of 2020 Grant in Aid Applications

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT Council approve the Grant in Aid requests listed in Category “A” on the attached Schedule “A”, in the type, amounts and payment timing indicated on the spreadsheet;**

**And**

**THAT Council approve the Grant in Aid requests listed in Category “B” on the attached Schedule “A”, in the type, amounts and payment timing indicated on the spreadsheet;**

**And**

**THAT Council approve the Grant in Aid requests listed in Category “C” on the attached Schedule “A”, in the type, amounts and payment timing indicated on the spreadsheet;**

**And**

**THAT Council approve the Grant in Aid requests listed in Category “D” on the attached Schedule “A” in the type, amounts and payment timing indicated on the spreadsheet;**

**Background:**

In the 2020 financial plan there is \$50,000 set aside for Grant in Aid requests. This value was set in Policy 4-01 approved in October 2019. The total amount allocated to Grant in Aid request for the fiscal year can be changed with a Council resolution.

Council reviewed the 2020 Grant in Aid requests during the February 4, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting. Council tentatively allocated \$45,749.29 towards the Grant in Aid requests identified in Categories A-D of the attached Schedule A. Staff has split these requests into four (4) Categories (A-D) for ease of voting. No member of Council declared conflicts of interest in relation to the items in Category A, so all members are entitled to vote. One or more Councilors declared a conflict of interest for each of the items listed in Categories B-D.

The items listed in Category E are Grant in Aid requests that Council redirected to other processes or tentatively decided not to fund in 2020.

If Council funded the \$45,749.29 in requests that are tentatively allocated, Council would have a balance of \$4,250.71 left to allocate to any of the Grant in Aid requests proposed. Council may decide to reduce the overall Grant in Aid Funding to \$45,749.29 for 2020 and move all or a portion of the \$4,250.71 remaining balance to the Council Contingency Fund or another line item in the 2020 Financial Plan.

**Options / discussion**

Council may:

1. Choose to approve the 2020 Grant in Aid funding of \$45,749.29 as allocated during the February 4, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting and move all or a portion of the remaining balance of \$4,250.71 to the Council Contingency Fund or another line item in the 2020 Financial Plan.
2. Request to increase or decrease one or more of the 2020 grant approval amounts while staying within the \$50,000 Grant in Aid budget allocation, with all or a portion of the remaining balance moved to the Council Contingency Fund or another line item in the 2020 Financial Plan.
3. Request to increase or decrease the available 2020 Grant in Aid funding of \$50,000.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Wayne Anderson, CMA, CPA**  
**Financial Services Manager**

**Attachments:**

Schedule "A" – 2020 Grant in Aid Requests & Approvals from February 4, 2020 with notes