



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Parks, Forestry and Recreation 2010 Major and Minor Recreation Appeals Allocation Recommendations

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To:	City Council
From:	Brenda Patterson, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
Wards:	All Wards
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SUMMARY

This report recommends the allocation of the appeals funds from the 2010 Major Recreation Partnership Program (Majors) and 2010 Minor Recreation Investment Program (Minors). The total available appeals fund for Majors is \$77,271.00 and for Minors is \$75,278.00.

A total of 17 appealed their 2010 recommended allocation: 4 for Majors and 13 for Minors through deputations and/or written appeals. Of the 17 organizations, 16 addressed the Community Partnership and Investment Appeals Sub-Committee. Thirteen organizations are recommended for appeal allocations as per Attachments 1- 4.

The appeals fund for the two grant programs (Majors and Minors) were significantly larger than in previous years. This is as a result of the greater number of late applications received by staff: 2 for Majors and 9 for Minors. This large appeals fund for the two programs will ensure that previous grant recipients will be able to continue to operate their programs and support Parks, Forestry and Recreation in meeting its service priorities. All organizations which received an appeals fund allocation included the 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

Following the review of the organizations which appealed their Minors grant recommended allocations, \$17,913.00 remained in the appeals fund. Staff re-assessed the original recommended allocations and increased funding for 30 organizations. (See Attachment #1)

The Major and Minor appeals were heard on Tuesday June 29, 2010 at the Community Partnership and Investment Appeals Sub-Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation recommends that:

1. City Council approve the appeals allocations for the Recreation Partnership Program (Majors) and the Recreation Investment Program (Minors) totalling \$77,271.00 for Majors and \$75,278.00 for Minors, as per Attachments 1 and 2.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact beyond what has been approved in the 2010 approved Operating Budget.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

EQUITY ANALYSIS STATEMENT

This report summarizes the appeals allocations for the Majors and Minors Grants Programs. The appeals allocations for the grants programs are based on the organizations providing programming that supports Parks, Forestry and Recreation in meeting its three service priorities: child and youth development, lifelong health and wellness for all and environmental stewardship. An equity impact analysis could not be conducted as the indicators which were selected as grant allocation criteria did not provide a level of detail to permit this type of data analysis.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The two grant programs administered by Parks, Forestry and Recreation are the Major Recreation Partnership Program and the Minor Recreation Investment Program. These two programs support the Division in filling gaps in service and supporting the three service priorities: environmental stewardship, child and youth development, and lifelong active living. Traditionally, the organizations receiving grants have been able to provide recreational programming at the community level and identify emerging recreational trends.

A trend has emerged over the last number of years whereby the funds requested by organizations from both programs tend to exceed the amount funded through the program. This reality has created challenges for several organizations to provide programming at current service levels and meet emerging community needs.

COMMENTS

Four Majors and 13 Minors appealed their applications. Of these appeals 2 Majors and nine Minors were returning applicants who submitted late applications. This created a

situation whereby the appeals allocation for both programs was larger than in previous years.

The Parks, Forestry and Recreation 2010 Major and Minor Recreation Allocation Recommendations report was submitted to the June 24, 2010 Community Development and Recreation Committee Meeting.

(CD&R Item 34.11)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2010/cd/decisions/2010-06-24-cd34-dd.htm>

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - 2010 Summary of Appeals Recommendations - Major Recreation Partnership Program

Attachment 2 - 2010 Summary of Appeals Recommendations - Minor Recreation Investment Program

Attachment 3 - Description of Appeals Recommendations - Major Recreation Partnership Program

Attachment 4 - Description of Appeals Recommendations - Minor Recreation Investment Program

Attachment #1 – 2010 Summary of Appeals Recommendations – Major Recreation Partnership Program

Organization and ID Number	2010 Original Recommendation	2010 Appeal Recommendation	2010 Total Recommendation
(MJ3) Malvern Family Resource Centre	\$34,256.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(MJ7) Academy of Latin Baseball of Toronto Inc.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(MJ12) Central Neighbourhood House	\$0.00	\$51,261.00	\$51,261.00
(MJ15) Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club	\$0.00	\$26,010.00	\$26,010.00
Total	\$34,256.00 *	\$77,271.00**	\$77,271.00***

- * Total original recommendations
- ** Total appeals recommendations
- *** Total recommendations

Attachment 2 - 2010 Summary of Appeals Recommendations – Minor Recreation Investment Program

Organization and ID Number	2010 Original Recommendation	2010 Appeal Recommendation	2010 Total Recommendations
Heritage Skills Development Centre (MN5)	\$0.00	\$15,375.00	\$15,375.00
Kumasi Asafo Foundation (MN6)	\$600.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,600.00
Phil-Can Athletic Club (MN7)	\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,500.00
Bangladeshi-Canadian Community Services (MN35)	\$0.00	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00
Epilepsy Toronto (MN41)	\$0.00	\$5,202.00	\$5,202.00
Muay Thai Training Centres. Inc. (MN 50)	\$612.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,112.00
Project CANOE (MN53)	\$0.00	\$16,646.00	\$16,646.00
Silent Voice Canada (MN57)	\$0.00	\$3,121.00	\$3,121.00
Toronto Community and Cultural Centre (MN 61)	\$3,101.00	\$0.00	\$3,101.00
Vasantham- A Tamil Senior Wellness Centre (MN62)	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Canadian Somali Seniors Centre (MN71)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dejinta Beesha Somali Multi- Services Centre (MN73)	\$0.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00
Humberside Lawn Bowling (MN88)	\$0.00	\$2,601.00	\$2,601.00
Glenvale Players (MN4)*	\$800.00	\$200.00	\$1,000.00
South Asian Women's Rights Organization Inc. (MN8)*	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
Victoria Park Cricket Club (MN9)*	\$8,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$9,500.00
Doorsteps Neighbourhood Services (MN15)*	\$3,500.00	\$500.00	\$4,000.00
For You Telecare Family Services	\$816.00	\$184.00	\$1,000.00

(MN16)*			
Harriet Tubman Community Organization (MN17)*	\$5,500.00	\$500.00	\$6,000.00
New Canadian Community Centre (MN20)*	\$1,561.00	\$439.00	\$2,000.00
North York Women's Centre (MN21)*	\$3,700.00	\$300.00	\$4,000.00
Prosserman Jewish Community Centre (MN23)*	\$3,570.00	\$430.00	\$4,000.00
Senior Tamils' Centre of Ontario(MN24)*	\$1,560.00	\$440.00	\$2,000.00
Toronto Synchronized Swimming Club (MN27)*	\$2,100.00	\$900.00	\$3,000.00
York- Fairbank Centre for Seniors (MN28)*	\$13,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$15,000.00
ArtHeart Community Art Centre (MN34)*	\$2,700.00	\$500.00	\$3,200.00
Cecil Community Centre (MN38)*	\$11,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$12,500.00
Downtown Care Ring Home Support Services of Toronto (MN40)*	\$8,400.00	\$300.00	\$8,700.00
Green Thumbs Growing Kids (MN45)*	\$5,200.00	\$300.00	\$5,500.00
Greenest City Environmental Organization (MN46)*	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	\$3,500.00
June Callwood Centre for Women and Families (MN48)*	\$3,200.00	\$800.00	\$4,000.00
The Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre (MN59)*	\$5,100.00	\$900.00	\$6,000.00
Tobias House Attendant Care Inc. (MN60)*	\$11,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$12,000.00
Glebe Manor Lawn Bowling Club. Ltd. (MN65)*	\$4,200.00	\$300.00	\$4,500.00
Moore Park Lawn Bowling Club (MN67)*	\$2,700.00	\$300.00	\$3,000.00
Braeburn Neighbourhood Place (MN 70)*	\$5,200.00	\$300.00	\$5,500.00
Community Action Resource Centre	\$8,400.00	\$761.00	\$9,161.00

(MN72)*			
High Park Initiatives (MN76)*	\$4,000.00	\$500.00	\$4,500.00
Rexdale Women's Centre (MN 78)*	\$4,700.00	\$300.00	\$5,000.00
Syme- Woolner Neighbourhood & Family Centre (MN 81)*	\$3,641.00	\$259.00	\$3,900.00
Trailblazers Tandem Cycling Club (MN82)*	\$1,600.00	\$400.00	\$2,000.00
Waterfront Trail Artists (MN84)*	\$3,200.00	\$600.00	\$3,800.00
Weston Minor Hockey League (MN85)*	\$11,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$12,500.00
TOTAL	\$152,661.00**	\$75,278.00***	\$227,439.00****

* Please note these grant applications were re-assessed due to a surplus of Minor appeals funds.

** Total original recommendations

*** Total appeals recommendations

**** Total recommendations

Attachment #3 – 2010 Description of Appeals Recommendations – Major Recreation Partnership Program

1. Malvern Family Resource Centre

The original recommended allocation was \$34,256.00.

The organization provides recreational activities including drop-in sessions, after-school programs, multicultural women's support group, and social development. It also partners with Parks and Recreation to operate several programs and special events to serve the community and also operates out of schools in the community.

A representative from the organization addressed the Appeals Sub-Committee and spoke about the child and youth programs offered by the organization. The additional funding would help to support the coaching certification program.

Raising Awareness, Education and Connecting Youth in Malvern (The REC program) has three components: 1) The Drop-in basketball program, 2) The After School Recreational Program, 3) "MFRC" Cricket Team Multi Sport Development Program and the 4) MFRC- Multi-sport Development Program.

An additional allocation of \$0.00 is recommended for a total of \$34,256.00.

2. Academy of Latin Baseball of Toronto Inc.

The original recommended allocation was \$0.00, as the organization does not meet the funding criteria.

The agency serves the Latin and diverse communities at large with baseball and life skills programs for youth aged 6-16. It aims to promote, encourage and develop discipline, respect and self esteem through baseball activities.

Three representatives addressed the Appeals Sub-committee and provided a written appeal. They spoke about the benefits of this program for the Latino youth.

The *1st Latin Canadian Baseball Camp in Toronto* will operate during the months of July and August. The grant will enable the organization to acquire the proper equipment; catcher's mitt, bases, baseballs, bats, gloves, and instructional video material used to teach fundamental baseball skills.

An additional allocation of \$0.00 is recommended for a total of \$0.00 as this organization does not meet the grant criteria.

3. Central Neighbourhood House

The original recommended allocation was \$0.00, as the application was received late and late applications are not reviewed.

Central Neighbourhood House provides spaces, services and opportunities that engage all community members in enhancing their quality of life and in building healthy, inclusive neighbourhoods. This organization is a long standing recipient of the Major Recreation Partnership grant. The organization's 2010 recommended allocation of \$51,261.00 was set aside, pending approval for staff to review their late application from the Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Subcommittee.

Two representatives from the organization addressed the Appeals Sub-Committee and provided a written appeal. They stated that their application was submitted late due to their finance staff reassessment of the financial portion of the grant application.

The organization offers Children and Youth Programs which aim to increase opportunities for children and youth by providing programs and services that allow young persons to reach their full potential despite barriers they may face. Programs include the KIDZ KLUB which supports children with their academic performance. Activities in each program are a mixture of recreational, social, educational and cultural.

An additional allocation of \$51,261.00 is recommended for a total of \$51,261.00, pending receipt of signed board minutes approving the grant application and Declaration of Non-Discrimination.

4. Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club

The original recommended allocation was \$0.00, as the application was received late and late applications are not reviewed.

Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club focuses on identifying and responding to the changing needs of children, adolescents and families of a multi-cultural urban community. This organization is a long standing recipient of the Major Recreation Partnership grant. The organization's 2010 recommended allocation of \$26,010.00 was set aside, pending approval for staff to review their late application from the Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Subcommittee.

A representative from the organization addressed the Appeals Sub-committee and stated that their application was submitted late due to staff organizational changes.

The organization offers two programs; Opportunities for Kids which provides opportunities for at-risk children and youth, ages 5 to 17 to participate in recreational activities including; swimming, sports, games, woodworking, social events, gymnastics, reading circles, arts and dances in addition to Youth Outreach which provides opportunities for at-risk children and youth aged 7-17 to

participate in recreational activities including; swimming, sports, games, gymnastics etc.

An additional allocation of \$26,010.00 is recommended for a total of \$26,010.00, pending receipt of the signed Organizational Endorsement Form, Declaration of Non-Discrimination (DND) and signed board minutes approving the grant application and DND form.

Attachment #4 – Description of 2010 Appeals Recommendations – Minor Recreation Investment Program

1. Heritage Skills Development Centre

The original recommended allocation was \$0.00, as the application was received late and late applications are not reviewed.

The organization provides social programs and skills development to low income and disadvantaged immigrant women and youth, abused women, single mothers, homeless women and children and youth-at-risk.

A representative of the organization appeared at the Appeals Sub-committee and stated that their application was submitted late due to a youth employee addressing the application to an incorrect address.

The grant will be used to support the “Neighbourhood Youth Martial Arts Program (NYMAP).” The purpose of the program is to enable youth within the community to condition their minds and body, as well as striving to become physically, mentally and psychologically fit.

An allocation of \$15,375.00 is recommended, for a total allocation of \$15,375.00.

2. Kumasi Asafo Foundation

The original recommended allocation was \$600.00.

The foundation strives to educate their members and their families to gain economic power enabling them to become aware of health and social issues. Growth and development of members and their families in the Ghanaian Canadian community are key components to the success of the foundation.

A representative of the organization appeared at the Appeals Sub-committee and a written appeal. The representative spoke about the benefits of this program for youth within the African Canadian community.

A 2010 grant will help cover the costs as the organization aims to provide dance, drumming and traditional Ghanaian games programming at Oakdale Community Centre.

An allocation of \$2,000.00 is recommended, for a total allocation of \$2,600.00.

3. Phil-Can Athletic Club

The original recommended allocation was \$3,500.00.

The Philcan Athletic Club is a not-for-profit, community based incorporated agency formed in 1978 to provide athletic and recreational opportunities for residents of Toronto. The club is intent on promoting the interest and well being of ethnic youth through athletic training programs. The objective of promoting good health through youth sports programs and providing a forum for youths to acquire an understanding of good sportsmanship.

A representative of the organization appeared at the Appeals Sub-committee and spoke about the benefits for this program to empower youth through engagement in sporting activities.

A 2010 grant will provide the organization the ability to continue to facilitate weekly basketball clinics, the youth development program and additional sports programs offered by the organization. It will also assist the organization to outreach to a wider group of people from various ethnic backgrounds.

An allocation of \$2,000.00 is recommended, for a total allocation of \$5,500.00.

4. Bangladeshi- Canadian Community Services

The original recommended allocation was \$0.00, as the application was received late and late applications are not reviewed.

The organization assists newcomers and immigrant families mainly of South Asian decent in areas of settlement services, youth programming, counselling, mentoring, job skills development and referrals.

A representative of the organization appeared at the Appeals Sub-committee and provided a written appeal. The representative spoke about the need for this type of programming in the Crescent Town community.

The grant will help support the friendship soccer matches for youth living in the Crescent Town community and surrounding area.

An allocation of \$2,900.00 is recommended, for a total allocation of \$2,900.00.

5. Epilepsy Toronto

The original recommended allocation was \$0.00, as the application was received late and late applications are not reviewed.

The organization provides service to persons living with Epilepsy. Their goal is to promote independence and an improved quality of life for people living with Epilepsy and their families.

A representative of the organization appeared at the Appeals Sub-committee and stated that the application was submitted late due to an office move.

The grant will be used to hire a certified recreation counsellor to help the group plan, organize, implement and evaluate recreational activities.

An allocation of \$5,202.00 is recommended, for a total allocation of \$5,202.00, pending receipt of the organization's 2009 Final Report.

6. Muay Thai Training Centres Inc.

The original recommended allocation was \$612.00.

The agency is committed to the health and development of people through the promotion of programs for youth and the under-served members of society. The agency provides programming and support to at-risk youth through Muay Thai training offered as after school programming. Programs include; after-school and week-end Muay Thai boxing study classes, health/fitness and nutrition promotion.

A representative of the organization appeared at the Appeals Sub-committee and provided a written appeal. The representative spoke about the benefits for Martial Arts for youth living in at-risk communities.

A 2010 grant will provide more gym hours for the at-risk youth within the community. The program aims to promote health and development of people through the programs for children and youth. Program activities include; accessible after-school and weekend programming in support of the healthy development of individuals through the disciplined study of Muay Thai boxing. Positive role models and mentors will work with at-risk youth to support social development, and promotion of good health through fitness and nutrition.

An allocation of \$1,500.00 is recommended, for a total allocation of \$2,112.00.

7. Project CANOE

The original recommended allocation was \$0.00, as the application was received late and late applications are not reviewed.

The organization targets youth at-risk, between the ages of 13 to 18, who have learning, behavioural, social and economic challenges. The agency offers wilderness canoe trips, weekend canoe trips, tree planting, paddle making workshops and hiking trips.

A representative of the organization appeared at the Appeals Sub-committee and provided a written appeal. The representative spoke about the benefits of their camping program for at-risk-youth.

The grant will be used to assist with the Toronto based administrative expenses for the Wilderness Canoe Program.

An allocation of \$16,646.00 is recommended, for a total allocation of \$16,646.00, pending receipt of the organization's Declaration of Non-Discrimination form (DND), signed board minutes approving the DND form and signed auditor's report.

8. Silent Voice Canada

The original recommended allocation was \$0.00, as the application was received late and late applications are not reviewed.

The organization is dedicated to improving communication and relationships between the deaf and hearing community.

A representative of the organization appeared at the Appeals Sub-committee and spoke about the benefits of the program for the hearing impaired community.

The grant will be used to assist with three programs; *After-school Program, Youth Program and Sign Language Summer Program.* These programs provide social-recreation programs for deaf children and youth in a complete ASL environment and gives total access to otherwise isolated children.

An allocation of \$3,121.00 is recommended, for a total allocation of \$3,121.00.

9. Toronto Community and Cultural Centre

The original recommended allocation was \$3,101.00.

The agency provides services to the Mainland Chinese community and also provides personal and group counselling, educational services and social services for those who need it, especially those who are in a state of vulnerability i.e. seniors, women and youth.

A representative of the organization did not appear at the Appeals Sub-Committee.

A 2010 grant will be used for organizing activities and events in the Mainland Chinese community including youth soccer, youth discovery walks, hip hop class, seniors Tai Chi Fan exercises, fencing dance, seniors body mechanics and a Family Fun Day. The grant will support the above stated activities through workshops and one-time special events.

An allocation of \$0.00 is recommended, for a total allocation of \$3,101.00.

10. Vasantham- A Tamil Seniors Wellness Centre

The original recommended allocation was \$0.00, as the application was received late and late applications are not reviewed.

The organization endeavours to empower Tamil Seniors and their families to maintain and promote health and well-being through education, advocacy and the provision of programs and services within an anti-racism framework.

A representative of the organization appeared at the Appeals Sub-committee and provided a written appeal. They spoke about the benefits of the program for the older adult Tamil community and stated that the grant was submitted late due to internal staff changes.

The grant will be used to support the Revitalising Seniors and Family and Community Program. This program includes yoga and regular exercise classes to help seniors and their families relax, reduce stress and improve concentration.

An allocation of \$4,000.00 is recommended, for a total allocation of \$4,000.00.

11. Canadian Somali Seniors Centre

The original recommended allocation was \$0.00, as the application was received late and late applications are not reviewed.

The organization's goal is to increase the quality of life and to promote social interaction, good health and recreation for Somali Seniors.

A representative from the organization addressed the Appeals Sub-Committee and spoke about the benefits of recreational activities for Somali Seniors.

An allocation of \$0.00 is recommended, for a total allocation of \$0.00, as an incomplete application was submitted.

12. Dejinta Beesha Somali Multi-Service Centre

The original recommended allocation was \$0.00, as the application was received late and late applications are not reviewed.

The organization provides a range of settlement and post settlement services to the Somali community. Services include; interpretation, translation, counselling and a women support group.

A representative of the organization appeared at the Appeals Sub-committee and spoke about the benefits of the Families After-school Together program.

The grant will be used to support the Families After-school Together (FAST) program. The program has four major components; homework and tutoring, health and nutrition, sports and recreation, summer camp and environmental stewardship.

An allocation of \$2,020.00 is recommended, for a total allocation of \$2,020.00, pending receipt of signed board minutes approving the grant application and Declaration of Non-Discrimination Form (DND), signed DND form and signed financial statement.

13. Humberside Lawn Bowling Club

The original recommended allocation was \$0.00, as the application was received late and late applications are not reviewed.

The organization provides lawn bowling services to the public

A representative of the organization appeared at the Appeals Sub-committee and stated that their application was submitted late due to staff changes at the Board level.

The grant will be used to support the ground maintenance, part-time help, promotion, clubhouse cleaning and equipment maintenance.

An allocation of \$2,601.00 is recommended, for a total allocation of \$2,601.00.