

TO: City of Port Moody Finance Committee

FROM: Port Moody Police Board

RE: Request to Access Provincial Covid-19 Funding (City of Port Moody)

DATE: 07 June 2022

CC: Paul Rockwood, General Manager, Financial Services

Kim Tsok, Budget Officer, Police

At its In-Camera meeting held on 06 June 2022 the Port Moody Police Board considered the attached memorandum dated June 6, 2022 received from Chief Constable Dave Fleugel seeking support from the Port Moody Police Board to apply to the City of Port Moody Finance Committee requesting funding for audio and video upgrades in the Public Safety Building from the Provincial COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant and approved the following motion:

THAT the Port Moody Police Board approve the PMPD request to seek funding from the City of Port Moody's COVID-19 Provincial re-start grant to allow for the purchase of audio and video equipment for the Public Safety Building; AND THAT the PMPD Police Board write a memo to the City of Port Moody Finance Committee requesting this.

Should the Committee approve this transaction, the following resolution is recommended:

THAT the request for funding from the City of Port Moody's COVID-19 Provincial Re-Start Grant from Port Moody Police Department is approved.

Rhonda Doig Recording Secretary

Port Moody Police Board

Attachment

PORT MOODY POLICE DEPARTMENT



MEMORANDUM

TO: Port Moody Police Board

FROM: C/Cst. David Fleugel

DATE: June 6, 2022

SUBJECT: Request to access Provincial Covid-19 Funding (City of Port Moody)

MOTION

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PURPOSE

To seek the support of the PMPD Police Board to apply to the City of Port Moody Finance Committee requesting funding for audio and video upgrades in the Public Safety Building from the Provincial Covid-19 Safe Restart Grant.

BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted society and impacted many forms of communication.

The impact continues to be felt in many sectors. Local governments in British Columbia have been impacted. As a result, the Provincial Government approved a "Covid-19 Safe Restart Grant" aimed at providing funding to municipal governments, including the City of Port Moody. The grant was intended to supply funding to local governments with unexpected and new costs related to new ways of doing business in a COVID-19 environment.

The grant supports local governments as they deal with increased operating costs and lower revenue due to COVID-19. It also ensures local governments can continue to deliver the services that people depend on in their community. The city of Port Moody was fortunate to receive some of the \$425 million dollars that the Province made available. Port Moody was the recipient of a \$4,647,000 grant under the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments

Eligible costs to use these funds can be used for capital costs in many circumstances, including: building restart, upgrade and retrofit costs to address COVID; computer, network, and internet system costs to address COVID; and repayment of funds borrowed from a capital reserve fund to address COVID.

COVID-19 highlighted the need for the PMPD to have much better electronic systems to allow for adequate video conferencing and communication. This will allow in person meetings to take place and allow virtual meeting participants or guests, including members from the public, for Police Board meetings and a wide variety of other training or business meetings. The PMPD currently do not have any capability to hold a hybrid meeting where some are in person and some are virtual.

The PMPD have consulted with the General Manager of the City of Port Moody Finance & Technology Department and have learned that the City of Port Moody also was in the same position as the Public Safety Building and utilized the Provincial grant money to add enhancements to many of their Boardrooms and Council Chambers.

The PMPD contacted the same company who the City procured through their process for a quote on costs. Kindly find that attached.

The PMPD contact the CFO at City of Port Moody, Mr. Paul Rockwood, to determine if he felt that the City of Port Moody Finance Committee would consider this request and he advised that they certainly would and this use is congruent with the grant utilization. It is my view that this is clearly applicable and with a strong nexus to COVID-19. A precedent has already been set at City Hall. Furthermore, the remaining funds in the COVID-19 Provincial re-start grant are available to fund the request as the City has only utilized about half of the grant to date.

Find attached a quote for the Public Safety Building:

- 1) Large Boardroom \$38,114.40 plus tax.
- 2) Training Room \$25,115.33 plus tax.
- 3) Executive Boardroom \$26, 565.05 plus tax.
- 4) Motorized (battery) blinds in Large Boardroom \$15,852.43

The total application for funding would be \$116, 823.60.