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# Covid Recovery Grant

- The Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Aimee Mooney, presented the recommended amounts for Phase 2 of the COVID Recovery Grants to Council. Applications were due by February 10, 2023. In total, 19 applications were received. The one-time grant program seeks to support organizations that continue to see a decline in revenue as a result of reduced attendance and participation that have yet to return to pre-pandemic levels. Council directed staff to proceed with the recommended grant amounts to the following organizations.

ORGANIZATION	GRANT AMOUNT
CAPITOL THEATRE	\$25,000
GLACIER GYMNASTICS	\$17,500
KOOTENAY CAR SHARE	\$15,000
NELSON MUSICAL THEATRE SOCIETY	\$7,500
NELSON COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE	\$20,000
NELSON CIVIC THEATRE SOCIETY	\$25,000
NELSON & DISTRICT WOMEN'S CENTRE	\$19,000
NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN	\$19,000
NELSON MUSEUM	\$25,000
KOOTENAY OVERTURE CONCERTS SOCIETY	\$10,000
NELSON ROWING CLUB	\$5,000
SELKIRK CONCERT SOCIETY	\$12,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

## Sinixt Canoe Working Group

A local Sinixt Canoe Journey (Nelson Stop) Working Group has formed in order to support the Sinixt Upper Columbia Canoe Journey, Salmon Ceremony and Language Camp, which will take place in June of 2023. The Working Group requested a \$3,000 donation from the City that would support the coordination and implementation of the events. Council resolved to grant the request.



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## Council Supports Application for Community Emergency Preparedness Fund

Nelson's Fire Chief & Director of Emergency Management, Jeff Hebert, requested Council's support for a 2023 application for grant funding via the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund. This grant funding provides 100% to the projects that are approved. The projects outlined in the Emergency Management grant application requested funds include:

- Tabletop training exercises with City's Emergency Operation Centre's staff to continue building fundamental skills and knowledge for efficiencies during EOC activations.
- GIS dashboard to use during emergencies and preparation which will increase Nelson's capacity for mapping and means for sharing public information. This dashboard will allow the City to effectively pre-plan for potential evacuations and maintain situational awareness.
- Funding for two EM staff members to attend the annual Emergency Preparedness BC conference, which will provide knowledge of regional, provincial and national emergency management tactics as well as expand professional networks which can be utilized during emergency operations.

Council passed a resolution which authorized the application for \$30, 000 in grant funding from the UBCM 2023 Community Preparedness Fund.

## Pre-Treated Organics Program - Bylaw Update

- The development of the Pre-Treated Organics Program is approaching the final stage, and we will be ready to launch within the next month or two. Before we can disperse the FoodCyclers into homes, staff need to have the support of the Bylaw to ensure that the units are not misused and that they don't leave town when a resident moves. The options were to have residents bring the unit back upon moving or to leave it at the property. Through much thought and work from the team, it was determined that it would be best if the unit stayed with the property upon moving.
- Staff presented the amendment, and Council passed the first three readings to amend the Waste Management and Wildlife Attractant Bylaw. The next Council meeting will likely see the adoption of this amendment, which means if a resident doesn't leave the device at the property or misuse has occurred, we have the authority to recover replacement costs.
- To stay up to date on the Pre-Treated Organics Program, visit [nelson.ca/organics](http://nelson.ca/organics).



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## Planning Bylaw Updates

### **Building Bylaw Amendment No. 3570, 2023**

Development Services & Climate Leadership has brought forward a building bylaw amendment in response to recently published changes to the BC Building Code. Staff have proposed that the Building Bylaw be amended to require that Part 9 residential homes hit either Step 4 of the BC Energy Step Code or Step 3 of the BC Energy Step Code if they also achieve the EL-3 (/Strong) level of the Zero Carbon Step Code as of August 31, 2023.

These changes will result in more energy-efficient and low-carbon new building construction. Council has passed the first readings of the bylaw change.

### **45 Government Rd – Rezone**

45 Government Road, currently a partially constructed building located in Railtown, has applied to rezone the land from MU4 - Waterfront Mixed Use – Industrial & Commercial Zone to MU3, Railtown Mixed-Use – Residential & Commercial.

The building was designed to be a purpose-built cannabis operation. However, due to the economic conditions of the recreational cannabis market, the project is no longer viable. Therefore, the applicant has requested to change to zoning that would allow residential and provide more tenant options. Council passed the first readings of the bylaw changes and directed staff to schedule a public hearing.

### **General Bylaw Amendments**

Development Services has brought forward a number of general bylaw amendments that correct previous errors, streamline the approvals process, and align regulations with Council policies, as typically done every 12 to 18 months.

Additionally, staff are proposing to add Care Services to the C2, Core Commercial Zone and amend the definition of Care Services to clarify that supportive housing is included in that use. Council passed the first readings of the bylaw changes and directed staff to schedule a public hearing.

More information on the amendments and the rationale can be found [here](#).

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