Submission – David Grant

Item No. 2 Community Incentive Grant – South Winnipeg Community Centre Inc.

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Delegation information

Committee you want to address

Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)

Services report 2, Audit of SWCC.

Support or oppose recommendations

I am opposed to the recommendations

Register as a delegation

Via zoom

Submit comments in writing

Normally, the cost of an audit is born by the organization. If this spending is approved, it will open the way for other city-funded organizations to get funding for financial and functional audits.

Using this funding pathway will assure the public that public funds are being properly used.

No one wants to waste money on audits, but if a case has been made that there are real anomalies involved, we just need to decide on the use of the city's inhouse audit team, versus hiring outside accountants. We need Council to issue a policy, to assist with these decisions.

Spending city dollars to audit the arena in Fort Richmond may be justified, as may be using city funds to audit FRUHNA, the local Fort Richmond Residents Association. The indicators for a FRUHNA audit are strong. When new leadership took control of this Association, those in charge of its finances refused to fill out the customary bank account forms. Instead, long after they held no elected position in the Association, they took the Association's funds and closed the ACU account. This made it impossible for the legitimate officers of the Association to review its financial history. If the city decides to use capital acquisition funds to pay for an audit of the arena operation, then it should also fund audits of its analogous organizations, such as FRUHNA. I am asking that this funding request be amended to include an audit of FRUHNA too.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.

Yes