

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Council Meeting: August 22, 2023		
Subject: Funding Request for the Sheet Harbour & Area Ground Search & Rescue		
Motion for Council to Consider: That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report to consider operational funding for the Sheet Harbour & Area Ground Search & Rescue, outside of the Administrative Order 2014-018-ADM, <i>Respecting Grants to Volunteer Search and Rescue Organizations</i> , process for fiscal year 23/24 only.		
Reason: The Sheet Harbour & Area Ground Search & Rescue organization did not make their annual application for the 2023-24 Grants to Volunteer Search and Rescue Organization for operational funding, which is a requirement under Administrative Order 2014-018-ADM section 11 (16). The grants for this program have all been assessed and staff has provided a recommendation to the Grants Committee with total funding matching the full amount outlined in the operating budget for Fiscal 23/24. As this organization provides a valuable service to HRM and has in the past received funding through the Grants program, this request is for a staff report to look at a one-time request for operational funding and a funding source, outside of the normal process where an application was not submitted. As part of this process the Sheet Harbour & Area Ground Search & Rescue would be required to submit information to staff as part of the assessment and staff report recommendation. Staff and the organization will also work together to understand the application process for future years. Finally, where this request is for operational funding, district capital funds cannot be used in this situation.		
Outcome Sought: Staff recommendation report that includes options for operational funding, including funding source for fiscal 23/24.		
Councillor Hendsbee		District 2